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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) ("Blackthorn Resources") is pleased to announce that Mr Tony De Santis has joined Blackthorn Resources as its Chief Operating Officer.

Tony is a business executive with over 25 years' experience in the mining industry, having held senior operational and management roles with BHP Billiton, Anglo American, Peabody Pacific and most recently COO and Acting CEO at Delta SBD Limited.

He has a post graduate qualification in Business Management (MBA) along with tertiary qualification in Mining and is a graduate member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Managing Director Scott Lowe said: *"We are very pleased to have secured the services of a very senior and experience mining industry professional. Tony will be responsible for operational and project management activities at Mumbwa as we progress the project through the development pipeline to enhance value. He will also have responsibility for representing Blackthorn Resources interests in the Perkoa Project in Burkina Faso as construction continues. We welcome Tony to the Company."*

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