



Mariana Resources Ltd
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Directorship Change

Mariana Resources Ltd ('Mariana' or 'the Company'), the AIM quoted exploration and development company focused in Argentina and Chile, announces that Mr John Sutcliffe, aged 66, has tendered his resignation from the Board of Mariana with effect from 22 March 2011, in line with his plans to retire by 2012. Mr. Sutcliffe has been a Board member of Mariana for the past five years, previously as Managing Director, and more recently as Non-Executive Director and consultant to the Company. John, with over 40 years of field experience, will continue to assume the role of Principal Geological Consultant for Mariana, in line with the Company's strategy of accelerating gold, silver and copper target and project generation in South America.

Commenting on the resignation, Mariana's Chairman John Horsburgh said, *"The Board and management team would like to express their deep gratitude to John for his valuable contribution to Mariana, which has seen the Company emerge as a leading exploration and development company in Argentina and Chile. I have known John in a professional and personal sense for many years and wish to acknowledge his vision, personal commitment, and enthusiasm, the value of which has been reflected in the Company's market capitalisation. Whilst John's resignation marks his retirement from corporate matters we are delighted that his proven track record in resource discovery will be utilised as he remains as a consultant for Mariana. In this role John will continue to actively identify new opportunities for Mariana in South America whilst providing technical advice for our ongoing gold, silver and copper exploration projects in Argentina and Chile."*

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About Mariana Resources

Mariana Resources Ltd is an AIM quoted exploration and development company with an extensive portfolio of gold, silver and copper projects in Argentina and Chile. In southern Argentina, in addition to the Las Calandrias gold-silver discovery, the Company has the Sierra Blanca silver-gold prospect (70%); the Los Amigos joint venture (49%) with Hochschild Mining and a 160,000 Ha land package (100%) in the country. All of these projects are located in the Deseado Massif epithermal gold-silver district in mining-friendly Santa Cruz province of southern Argentina, which hosts four mines and several advanced projects.

In Chile, Mariana has a joint venture with US based international mining and natural resources company Cliffs Natural Resources Inc., to explore for Iron Oxide-Copper-Gold deposits ('IOCG') in a 92,000 km² area ('SCM Mariana Area') in north-central Chile along the highly prospective Atacama Fault Zone. The SCM Mariana Area includes the 44km² Buenaventura and 46km² Perro Chico IOCG projects. Mariana is also evaluating a number of gold-silver and copper-gold opportunities away from the Cliffs JV area, as part of a new initiative.