

# **Orion Appoints Experienced Mining Executives Anthony Lennox and Patience Mpofu as Non-Executive Directors**

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Orion Minerals Ltd (ASX/JSE: ORN) (Orion or the Company) is pleased to advise that Mr Anthony Lennox and Ms Patience Mpofu have been appointed as a non-executive directors of Orion.

#### **Anthony (Tony) Lennox**

Tony has forty years of resource sector experience in operations, project development and corporate management and contains thirty-five years of leading people and twenty years of board experience.

Tony is an experienced mining engineer with extensive underground and open cut experience in both coal and base metals. Importantly his career includes Managing Director & CEO of Palabora Mining Company Ltd from 2010 - 2013, which was owned by Rio Tinto Copper, South Africa. Palabora is one of South Africa's oldest and most revered large mining operations having been in operation since 1956. Palabora was renowned as a highly efficient, large scale underground mechanised mining operation under his stewardship.

With over 10 years in Africa at Managing Director and Chairman levels he brings skills in governance, strategy development and execution in complex and culturally diverse arenas. This, when added to his technical and leadership skills, has resulted in commercial and sustainable business solutions under his watch.

Tony's career with Rio Tinto, BHP, and Shell Australia, included leading world class start-ups, global corporate safety, health and environment functions, project financial evaluation, Board governance input, risk management, stakeholder management, and turnaround businesses, which brings accomplished skills to the Orion Board.

#### Patience Mpofu

Patience is an award-winning mining executive with +15 years of experience of cross-functional resources industry experience. As a previous Vice President of a leading ASX listed mining company, Patience led multidisciplinary teams to develop integrated sustainability strategies that drove business results, reduced risk, and improved the company's reputation. Patience has strong ESG leadership experience across a broad range of roles including devising global commercial strategies to create value. As a metallurgist by training, her technical proficiency underpins her comprehensive understanding of the mining sector.

Currently, as CEO and Principal Consultant of Insight Mining Experts (IME), Dr. Mpofu offers unparalleled insights into global mining trends, risks, and ESG practices, especially in the context of energy transition.

Patience's career with South 32, Lonmin PLC, and Anglo-American, included roles as VP Corporate Affairs, Commercial Manager, Senior Manager Business Development, Senior Strategy Manager, Planning analyst and Lead Metallurgist brings extensive experience to the Orion Board across multiple disciplines.

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#### Orion's Chairman, Denis Waddell, commented:

"We are very pleased to have further strengthened the Orion Board with the appointment of Tony and Patience, given their extensive skill sets including technical, operational, commercial, ESG and community/stakeholder expertise, particularly as Orion transitions to a producer of future facing metals."

For and on behalf of the Board.

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Chairman

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