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BOARD CHANGES FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF MERGER

The Board of Directors of BrightStar Resources Limited (ASX: BUT) announce the resignation of Mr Warren Gilmour and Mr Graeme Clatworthy following the final approval of the merger with Rift Valley Resources Limited. Mr Paul Payne, formerly Technical Director, also resigns as director with immediate effect.

Following approval of the merger and as detailed in the Merger Implementation Agreement announced on 23 January 2012, the Board has appointed the following Directors:

- **Mr Didier Murcia** as Non-executive Chairman
- **Mr Michael McKeivitt** as Managing Director
- **Mr Keith McKay** as Non-executive Director
- **Mr Gosbert Kagaruki** as Non-executive Director

Mr Geoff Gilmour will continue as a director of BrightStar.

Details of BrightStar's new Board members are set out in Annexure "A" attached.

On-going BrightStar director, Mr Geoff Gilmour welcomes the new Board appointments and says "BrightStar has a balanced board blending corporate and technical experience which will have the corporate, technical capabilities, and in country knowledge to drive future growth and ensure that BrightStar is well placed to meet operational and strategic opportunities as they arise.

On behalf of the Company, I would like to thank Mr Gilmour, Mr Clatworthy and Mr Payne for their efforts during their tenure with BrightStar".

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ANNEXURE “A”
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BOARD MEMBERS

Mr Didier Murcia - Non-executive Chairman

Mr Murcia holds a Bachelor of Jurisprudence and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Western Australia, and has over 25 years' experience in corporate, commercial and resource law. Mr Murcia has extensive experience in Tanzania and is the Honorary Consul for the United Republic of Tanzania in Australia, a position that he has held for 15 years.

He is currently a Non-Executive Chairman of Centaurus Metals Limited and Non-Executive Director of Gryphon Minerals Limited, both of which are listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Until recently, Mr Murcia was also a Director of Aminex PLC, listed on the London Stock Exchange, and a director of emerging iron ore producer Gindalbie Metals Limited, a position he held for 13 years. He is also Chairman of Perth law firm Murcia Pestell Hillard. Mr Murcia was Chairman of Rift Valley Resources Limited.

Mr Michael McKeivitt - Managing Director

Mr McKeivitt has a long a successful history in mineral exploration, management and mine geology, both in Australia and overseas. With 25 years' experience in mining and resources as a geologist he has worked and lead teams in Africa (Ghana, Burkina Faso, Zambia, and Tanzania), Indonesia and the Philippines.

His experience covers exploration and near-mine exploration, mine geology, and mine operations support. He has worked in gold, iron-ore, nickel, copper, bauxite, zinc, and uranium in various mining styles including mechanised open-stope, block-cave, cut-and-fill, and both medium to large-scale open pits.

Mr McKeivitt is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a competent person for reporting Exploration results and Mineral Resources accordance with the JORC Code (2004). Mr McKeivitt was Managing Director of Rift Valley Resources Limited.

Mr Geoff Gilmour – Executive Director

Mr Gilmour is Managing Director of Willowood Corporate Pty Ltd which advises and raises capital for junior ASX resource companies. Geoffrey was also instrumental in the creation of Andean Resources Limited. Mr Gilmour has previously been a director of Amex Resources Limited, an ASX listed public company.

Mr Keith McKay - Non-executive Director

Mr McKay is a Geologist with 40 years technical and corporate experience in the mining industry as a senior executive, director and chairman. Corporate roles formerly held by Mr McKay include Chairman of Gindalbie Metals Limited, Managing Director of Gallery Gold Limited, Australian Managing Director of Battle Mountain Gold Company and Director of Niugini Mining Limited.

As Managing Director of Gallery Gold, Mr McKay had extensive African experience, particularly in Botswana and Tanzania. Under his management, Gallery Gold discovered and developed the Mupane gold mine in Botswana and prior to this Battle Mountain discovered the Pajingo and Vera Nancy gold deposits in North Queensland. Mr McKay is a director of Centaurus Metals Limited, listed on the Australian Stock Exchange. Mr McKay was a Director of Rift Valley Resources Limited.

Mr Gosbert Kagaruki - Non-executive Director

Mr Kagaruki has over 18 years' experience in the resource industry as a geologist and GIS expert. Having commenced his career with the Mineral Databank – Dodoma Geological Survey in Tanzania, Mr Kagaruki subsequently worked for Rio Tinto as the only Tanzanian professional staff member engaged by that company. He then held senior roles in Southern and Eastern African Mineral Centre and then Barrick (Tanzania) before setting up his own consultancy geological company, Interactive Earth Imaging Limited.

Mr Kagaruki has and continues to provide detailed geological advice to a number of exploration and mining companies, including BHP Billiton World exploration Inc, Uranex Limited, Resolute Limited and Midland Minerals. Mr Kagaruki was a Director of Rift Valley Resources Limited.