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### **New Company Director joins Proto Board**

The Board of Proto Resources & Investments Ltd (“**Proto**”, the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Andrew Heap as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr Heap has been on the Board of the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for three years and has held the position of Chairman for the past twelve months.

Mr Heap will be tasked with managing the Barnes Hill nickel-cobalt project, which is under a granted Mining Lease, as well as relationships between Proto and its Tasmanian stakeholders. The Barnes Hill project is located only 40 kms northwest of Launceston in northern Tasmania and is approximately 5kms from the township of Beaconsfield.

Mr Heap will be based in Launceston, Tasmania, and as such is ideally located to manage the Beaconsfield project for Proto.

Proto’s Managing Director, Mr Andrew Mortimer, said “The Board and I are very pleased to have this extremely high level appointment. Mr Heap is a strong advocate and supporter of the Barnes Hill project and its parent company, Proto. We look forward to developing the mine with his help”.

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