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DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT

Blackthorn Resources Limited (ASX: BTR) ("the Company" or "Blackthorn Resources") is pleased to announce that Mr Michael Oppenheimer has agreed to join the Board of Blackthorn Resources as a Non-executive Director. Mr Oppenheimer's appointment will be effective from 1 April 2011.

Mike Oppenheimer is a senior executive with over 30 years' experience in the resources sector. He has extensive business leadership and value delivery experience in the international mining industry. Now a principal and founder of a mining investment and advisory group, Mike's most recent CEO position was with Ferrexpo Plc, where he established the iron ore company's business model and led it through a successful IPO in London in 2007. Under his leadership, the company experienced strong growth in share value resulting in Ferrexpo being included in the FTSE 100 index. Prior to his successful stewardship of Ferrexpo, Mike was with BHP Billiton since 1988 in a variety of senior positions, including roles on the Executive Committee of the company reporting to the CEO. His experience includes leadership of BHP Billiton's businesses in minerals and petroleum, and he played a significant role in the BHP and Billiton merger, leading the integration of the energy coal businesses.

The Board is delighted that Mike has agreed to become a director of Blackthorn Resources. Mike will bring a wealth of commercial and financial market experience and industry expertise to Blackthorn Resources at this crucial time in the Company's development. We are confident that Mike will make an important contribution to the strategic direction of the Company.

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