

## ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

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### APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING DIRECTOR

The Board of Groote Resources Limited “**Groote Resources**” is delighted to announce the appointment of Mr. Lloyd Jones to the position of Executive Managing Director to the Company. The appointment becomes effective from next Monday, 20th June, coincidental with the first meeting of the Groote Board at Darwin and commencement of operations from the Company's new headquarters there.

Mr. Jones has been a non-executive Director of the company since February this year so is already familiar with the company's operations and intended future direction. He has extensive industry experience and has the ideal attitude and capabilities needed for the transition of this company to a recognised world leader in the reliable delivery of high-grade manganese to the international markets.

Chairman, Mr. Doug Daws, in announcing the appointment said,

"The appointment of Lloyd Jones to take on the lead management role of the company at this important time in the company's development is a significant step. Lloyd brings an impeccable record in government, mining and exploration management with him."

Leading up to this appointment, Mr. Jones has been employed as the Manager of Community Relations for a large Queensland based private coal exploration and mining company with extensive operations in the Moranbah Coal Basin. His role covered all aspect of Cultural Heritage, Native Title and land access.

His work focused on developing several negotiated agreements with traditional owners that would allow that company to secure the grant of mining leases from the State of Queensland. He was also responsible for general land access matters with pastoralists, the state and local government departments.

Previous experience in Queensland included several years as the Manager of Community and Stakeholder relations at MMG Century, the world's second largest open pit zinc mine. The Century Zinc Mine is located 250 kilometres north west of Mt Isa in the lower Gulf Region of North Western Queensland. His Department was responsible for the administration of the Gulf Communities Agreement which is fundamental to the operations at the mine, that company being strongly committed to honouring the spirit as well as the intent of that agreement.

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Lloyd has had over 20 years experience in working in regional Western Australia engaged in various roles in both government and the private sector. Some of his career highlights includes:

- Land manager for Croesus Mining NL, a Kalgoorlie based gold miner at that time operating several gold mines in the Eastern Goldfields. A key component of his role with Croesus was the negotiation and maintenance of working agreements with Native Title holders in the region.
- Senior Regional Officer for the Kimberley Development Commission based at Derby. His role there was focussed on delivering socio economic programs to the region with an emphasis on the establishment of sustainable business and employment opportunities for the predominantly traditional Aboriginal population.

A notable feature of Lloyd's activities is his commitment to community so where ever he has lived he has taken important positions in local affairs. Examples are:

- When in Kalgoorlie he was a Director of the iconic Australian prospectors and Miners Hall of Fame.
- Also a Director of the Goldfields Credit Union, a member of the Goldfields Mining Expo committee, a Director of the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and a Councillor on the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder.
- He was member of the Association of Mining and Exploration Companies (AMEC) Aboriginal Affairs Committee and was the AMEC representative on the Goldfields Sub-Committee of the Heritage Protection Working Group.
- During his recent employment in Queensland he was a Director of the Lawn Hill Riversleigh Aboriginal Pastoral Holding Company and the Aboriginal Development Benefits Trust.

"Virtually everything Lloyd Jones has already accomplished and experienced during his extensive career in the Australian exploration and mining industry sectors, and government, so far has given him impeccable credentials for the work ahead. Groote Resources is very fortunate to have this experience available to it for the developments ahead" Mr. Daws, the Chairman said.

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