



ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES EXCHANGE: 30 AUGUST 2010

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## **NEWPORT APPOINTS MR TONY WONNACOTT AS NEW CHAIRMAN**

*The Board of Newport Mining Limited (“Newport” or “Company”) is pleased to advise that it has appointed Mr Anthony (Tony) Wonnacott as Chairman of the Company. Mr Wonnacott is based in Toronto and is a member of the advisory and review committee for Forbes & Manhattan’s Agriculture Group, which is focused on agricultural input and output opportunities around the globe and includes two other active Brazilian companies Brazil Potash and Potash Atlantico. He will be instrumental in providing strategic guidance as the Company continues its quest to become a low-cost producer of phosphates from its prospective portfolio of projects in Brazil.*

*Mr Wonnacott is a corporate securities lawyer and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and holds a B. Comm. (cum laude) from Saint Mary’s University and a LL. B. from Dalhousie University.*

*He currently serves as a legal consultant to a number of companies in the mining and resource industries and as a Principal of Forbes & Manhattan Inc., a private merchant bank focused on the global resource sectors. As a consultant and officer of several of these companies, Mr Wonnacott has been involved with the successful listings of private companies, the outright sale of a company for approximately CAD\$750 Million and a number of substantial capital raisings.*

*Commenting on the appointment of Mr Wonnacott as Chairman, Mr Simon Taylor, Managing Director of Newport Mining said “We are moving into an exciting stage in the Company’s development, and we are pleased to welcome Tony as a key leader of the Newport team. Over the past fifteen years he has been involved with a number of very successful mining and mineral development ventures, and we expect his guidance will immediately add value. In addition, his experience in operating in Brazil, cross-border transactions and international corporate finance will be extremely useful as we grow our corporate profile and develop our phosphate projects.”*

*The appointment of Mr Wonnacott as Chairman follows the resignation of Mr Ian Middlemas as a director, with immediate effect. The Board would like to express its sincere appreciation to Mr Middlemas for his considerable contribution to the Company during his tenure as a director and Chairman of the Company. Mr Middlemas has advised the Board that he intends to remain a strong supporter and shareholder of the Company as it progresses the development of its phosphate projects.*

### **About Newport**

*Newport is focused on the exploration and development of phosphate rock projects in Brazil which as a country imports approximately 50% of its phosphate requirements annually. Newport is well positioned to capitalize on the growing demand for phosphorous-based fertilisers in the expanding agriculture sector in Brazil and controls a large land position of over 400,000 hectares, located close to existing infrastructure. The Company is committed to its existing projects whilst continuing to pursue other opportunities within the phosphate sector.*

**Enquires: Simon Taylor – Managing Director**  
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