

**Minerva Resources plc (AIM : MVA)**  
("Minerva Resources" or "the Company")

**Change of Board**

Further to the announcement by Dwyka Resources Limited ("Dwyka") stating that the recommended offer for the Company is now unconditional in all respects, the entire board of Minerva Resources (Andrew Daley, Terrance Ward, John Bottomley and Roger Clegg) have now resigned and have been replaced by existing directors of Dwyka.

Melissa Sturgess has been appointed as CEO and Chairman.

Melissa has 15 years experience in the junior resources sector in various corporate development roles. She was a founding director of Churchill Mining Plc and Sylvania Resources Limited and is currently Chairman and CEO of Dwyka.

Terence (Terry) McConnachie has been appointed as a Non-executive Director

Terry has 25 years' experience in mining and beneficiation of ferro-alloys and precious metals. He has served as CEO of Welprop Mining Services and more recently of JSE-listed South African Chrome & Alloys Limited, a black-empowered mining company which he was instrumental in building into a multi-million Rand operation. He has implemented a number of greenfields operations in gold, manganese, aluminium, graphite and tantalite. He is the major shareholder and CEO of Alumicor (Pty) Limited, which is constructing an aluminium dross and scrap smelting facility in South Africa. Terry is currently the Managing Director of Sylvania Resources Limited (listed on AIM and ASX).

Dr Evan Kirby has been appointed as a Non-executive Director

Dr Evan Kirby is a metallurgist with over 30 years of international involvement. At the end of 1975, he moved to South Africa and worked for Impala Platinum, Rand Mines and then Rustenburg Platinum Mines. In 1992, he moved to Australia to work for Minproc Engineers and then Bechtel Corporation from 1997 until 2002. After leaving Bechtel, he established his own consulting company and has had ongoing mining project involvement. Evan's personal "hands on" experience covers the financial, technical, engineering and environmental issues associated with a wide range of mining and processing projects.

**Cancellation of AIM Listing**

As Dwyka has received valid acceptances of the offer in respect of more than 75 per cent. of the voting rights attached to the Minerva Resources shares, Dwyka is taking steps to procure the cancellation of Minerva Resources' admission to trading on AIM. It is anticipated that cancellation of trading will take effect at 7.00am on 23 July 2009. The cancellation of the trading of Minerva Resources' shares will significantly reduce the liquidity and marketability of any Minerva Resources shares not assented to the offer as there will be no market facility for dealing in the Company's shares post cancellation..

Melissa Sturgess, CEO, commented "I encourage all remaining Minerva Resources shareholders to accept the offer made by Dwyka so that they have an opportunity to continue to trade their shares on the AIM platform."

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**Melissa Josephine Sturgess – Age 42**

Current Directorships

Dwyka Resources Limited  
Washington Resources Limited

Past Directorships held within last five years

Bezant Resources Plc  
Churchill Mining Plc  
KimCor Diamonds plc  
Sylvania Resources Limited  
Vail Capital Pty Ltd

**Evan Kirby – Age 58**

Current Directorships

Bezant Resources Plc,  
China Goldmines Plc  
Dwyka Resources Limited  
Global Resources Ventures Limited  
Great Australian Resources Limited.  
Metallurgical Management Services Pty Ltd

Past Directorships held within last five years

Sylvania Resources Limited  
Washington Resources Limited  
Wedgetail Exploration Limited

**Terence Michael McConnachie – Age 53**

Current Directorships

Danyland Mining SA  
Dwyka Resources Limited  
Dwyka Resources SA  
Great Australian Resources South Africa  
Hacra Mining and Exploration Company  
Kyan Assets Mining Corporation SA  
Ruukki Group Oyj  
Summer Sun Trading 210  
Sylvania Mining  
Sylvania Resources Limited  
Sylvania South Africa

Past Directorships held within last five years

Alumicor Intellectual Property  
Alumicor Maritzburg  
Alumicor SA Holdings  
Merafe Chrome and Alloys  
Merafe Ferrochrome and Alloys  
Merafe Resources  
Nduzi Real Estate Projects  
Sylvania Metals

Sylvania Minerals

No further information is required to be disclosed in accordance with Schedule 2(g) of the AIM Rules for Companies.