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Shaw River appoints senior executives in lead-up to start of manganese production

Shaw River Manganese Limited (ASX: SRR) is pleased to advise it has appointed a further three highly experienced executives, to lead the company into production at its Otjozondu Manganese Project in Namibia. The appointments of a Chief Operating Officer (COO), Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Metallurgist are another key step in Shaw's strategy to bring Otjozondu into production in 2012. They will also play vital roles in Shaw's plan to develop its substantial pipeline of other manganese projects.

Rob Morrow- Chief Operating Officer

B Eng (Mining), MAusIMM, GAICD

Rob is a tertiary qualified mining engineer with over 25 years experience in the development of remote area mining infrastructure and operations. Rob's role prior to joining the Shaw River team was as Project Director of the Karara magnetite project in Western Australia. Prior to this, as an executive in leading Australian contract mining groups HWE and NRW, Rob also oversaw the development and operation of numerous iron ore and base metal (open pit and underground) mines with experience in Australia, Indonesia and Guinea. Rob brings a practical approach to project start up and development, and strong domestic and International industry experience.

Chris Parkinson – Chief Financial Officer

BComm, CA, GAICD

Chris Parkinson is a Chartered Accountant with over 15 years experience. Prior to joining Shaw River Manganese, Chris led the Perth corporate finance team of Grant Thornton, a global accounting and advisory organisation. He has worked with publicly listed companies in Australia and the United Kingdom and has extensive experience advising on capital raisings, mergers and acquisitions. Chris is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Noel O'Brien – Chief Metallurgist

BE (Met), MBA, FAusIMM, MAICD

Noel O'Brien has a broad technical and operational knowledge of processing, logistics and project delivery in the international minerals industry based on 36 years experience in Australia and Africa.

He has specific expertise in the beneficiation and downstream processing of ores for the production of chrome and manganese ferroalloys, base metals, diamonds, uranium and precious metals.

He has previously held executive management positions with WestNet Infrastructure Group, GHD, SNC-Lavalin and Pyromet and held senior operational positions with Anglo American/De Beers and Peko Mines NL.

About Shaw River Manganese

Shaw River Manganese is a manganese explorer and developer, currently exploring manganese projects in the Pilbara, Ghana and Namibia. Shaw River's acquisition of a 75.5% interest in the Otjozundu Manganese Project in Namibia, will fast track the Company's goal of becoming a global manganese producer. Shaw River offers excellent exposure to this strategic metal, critical to the global steel industry. Manganese is a metal used in the steel industry and has no known substitute in modern steelmaking processes. Manganese ore offers investors the benefits of a high unit sale price, strong global demand and low capital and time costs for the development of feasible projects. Shaw River is currently aggressively advancing its projects at Otjozundu (Namibia), Baramine (Pilbara), Butre (Ghana). Shaw River is maintaining its active manganese project acquisition strategy as it continues to build its manganese project pipeline.

Shaw River's largest shareholder, Atlas Iron Limited (45.42%), is a strong supporter of Shaw River's manganese strategy.

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