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ASX Announcement

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Appointment of Project Manager – Nolans Bore

Arafura is pleased to announce the appointment of **Steve Mackowski** to the role of **Project Manager** to the Nolans Bore rare earths, uranium and phosphate project.

Mr Mackowski is a qualified engineer with 30 years technical and operational experience in uranium, industrial minerals, nickel, kaolin, and iron ore. He also has experience in utility industries like gas and electric power generation. Mr Mackowski has worked most recently for the Sydney Gas Pty. Ltd. and previously for the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority, Iluka, Tiwest, WMC, Comalco, Hamersley Iron and Mary Kathleen Uranium Ltd.

Mr Mackowski's experience at Mary Kathleen, a uranium mine with rare earth minerals, where Mr Mackowski undertook rare earth extraction test work, will be a significant leverage to the Nolans Bore Project. Mr Mackowski is very strong in occupational health, safety and environmental management.

Mr Mackowski further strengthens the Arafura team by bringing additional experience, energy, drive and focus specifically to the Nolans Bore project.

The appointment of the Project Manager signifies Arafura's commitment to the feasibility study and development of the Nolans Bore rare earths project.

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