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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS & COMPANY SECRETARY

Astro Diamond Mines N.L. ("the Company") wishes to advise of the appointment of Mr. Malcolm Macleod and Mr. Robert Hyndes to the board of the Company and Mr. Hyndes as Joint Company Secretary.

Mr. Macleod has over 40 years experience in the mining and resources industry including oil, gas, coal, base metals, gold and diamond exploration in Australia, Africa, Europe and Central Asia. Recent work has included oil and mineral exploration including diamond evaluation in Somalia, Uganda, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Cyprus and Turkmenistan.

Mr. Macleod is member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, Geological Society of Australia and the Petroleum Exploration Society of Australia and has a Bachelor of Science in Geology (Honours) from the University of Western Australia.

Mr. Hyndes has a corporate finance and management consulting background with experience in Australia, the United Kingdom, the United States and Asia. He has provided strategy and consulting services across a range of industries including technology, mining and resources and professional services.

Mr. Hyndes is currently a non executive director and Company Secretary of Vector Resources Limited and non executive director of Red Sky Energy Limited. Mr. Hyndes has a Bachelor of Commerce in Economics from Curtin University in Western Australia.

Mr. Robin Armstrong has resigned as Non-Executive Director with effect from today (Monday 18 May 2009).

The Board of Astro Diamond Mines N.L. would like to thank Mr. Armstrong for his contribution to the Company.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Jermyn", written over a faint, stylized oval graphic.

**Peter Jermyn
Chairman**