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W.A. MINING DEVELOPER APPOINTED NEW CHAIR
OF COPPER GOLD EXPLORER - EMPIRE

One of Western Australia's more experienced mining and business development managers – Mr Tom Revy – has been appointed the new Chairman of copper and gold focused explorer, Perth-based Empire Resources Ltd (ASX Code: **ERL**).

Mr Revy will take up the appointment from the New Year at a time Empire has embarked on an aggressive exploration and development schedule for its advanced WA-based assets, including the high grade copper gold discoveries at Yuinmery south of Sandstone.

His experience includes an eight year term with the international engineering and project delivery group, GRD Minproc Limited, with particular global responsibility for the group's core technical and development activities for mineral resources projects. As a member of the GRD Minproc board, Mr Revy held the position Director Development prior to his recent departure as part of the AMEC scheme of arrangement with ASX listed GRD Limited.

Mr Revy is also a former Director Development, and Director of Technical Development and Solutions, for GRD Minproc, which delisted from the ASX in recent weeks.

He has worked on corporate and business development solutions for mining and exploration projects across Australia, Papua New Guinea, the United States, Africa, South America and China, is a former investment advisor in Perth with JB Were & Son, and is also a Director of the Australian Latin America Business Council.

Empire has just commenced its first major drill campaign on Yuinmery since the Company proved up a JORC compliant Indicated resource estimate of 104,000 tonnes grading 1.65% copper and 0.86% gold from shallow deposition for the project's Just Desserts prospect - a volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) copper-gold style of mineralization.

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The information in this report concerning the Mineral Resource for the Just Desserts prospect has been estimated by Mr Peter Ball B.Sc who is a director of DataGeo Geological Consultants and is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (AIMM). Peter has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and qualifies as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Peter consents to the inclusion in the public release of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.