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Chief Financial Officer
Extracor Canada Mining Ltd.
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Kate Blancato has two bachelors in Law and Business and an MBA with concentration in Financial Analysis. She is also a CFE Certified Fraud Examiner. She speaks fluent Spanish, German and English and basic French, Chinese and Japanese. She has worked on projects in China, Japan, India, Dubai, USA, Greece, Macedonia, Serbia, Australia, Africa and Canada. She created our Green Vision by bringing different components to the company including Jatropa, Higuierilla and Sacha-Inche. As Chief Financial Officer she is working to raise funds to allow us to continue our exploration activities.

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STÉPHANE BRABANT
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Stéphane Brabant is a Paris-based partner of global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. He is head of the firm's Africa practice, as well as co-head of its mining group. Stéphane has over 20 years' experience (including seven years in Gabon) advising on matters in Francophone Africa, principally in the energy and natural resources sectors. His practice in recent years has focussed increasingly on risk mitigation and crisis management, with demonstrated experience handling crisis situations in Africa, and negotiating with African governments (often successfully) in an attempt to find solutions to contentious issues without resorting to arbitration. His experience includes appearing before local courts.

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BRIAN GIBSON
Chief Financial Officer
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Brian joined Amlib as Chief Financial Officer in October 2011. A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales since 1994, Brian graduated in 1990 from Edinburgh University with an MA degree in Politics and Economic and Social History. Prior to joining Amlib, Brian worked as Finance Director and Group Financial Controller of private equity backed companies with international operations. Brian also has fifteen years' experience in public practice acting in various audit and transactional roles for both public and private companies. Brian has also acted as reporting accountant in respect of IPOs and other public company transactions in London and Sydney.

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MELVIN GLAPION
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Melvin leads a team of subject matter experts in the London office. He has over 16 years' experience of M&A, corporate strategy and financial analysis, leading multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional teams in conducting cross-border market entry, due diligence and competitive intelligence engagements. Melvin has conducted varied assignments in West Africa, from a market entry study in Cameroon on behalf of a UK-based energy company, to a reputational audit on behalf of a firm interested in a UK listing, as well as a screening of multiple JV partners in Ghana and Angola.

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GRÉGOIRE LEFORESTIER
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BNP Paribas

Grégoire Leforestier joined BNP Paribas 2007 after a previous experience in the banking sector and export credit agency. Grégoire has a diversified project finance experience and has worked on several transactions in the metals and mining sector across the world and in particular in various african countries such as Mozambique, Guinea, Congo Brazzaville and Democratic Republic of Congo. Before joining BNP Paribas he was responsible for ABN AMRO Cross Border Structured Finance in Paris where he worked on various arranging and advisory mandates and at Coface Project Finance division where he was responsible for the team and worked on several transactions in telecom, power, oil, gas, aluminium, and mining sectors.

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TONY MAHALSKI
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Tony has over thirty years experience in global resource capital markets. He has represented resource brokers and investment banks in Europe and the United States both as shareholder and proprietor. Tony has specialised in funding and advising the mining and resource companies throughout this period. He has been and invited speaker at many industry conferences throughout Europe and North America.

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JOHN MCGLOIN
Executive Chairman
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John McGloin joined Amara on 03 April 2012 as an Executive Director and was formally appointed as Executive Chairman on 28 May 2012. A geologist and graduate of Camborne School of Mines, John worked for many years in Africa within the mining industry before moving into consultancy. He joined Arbutnot Banking Group following four years at Evolution Securities as a mining analyst. Over the years he has acted for a number of West African-focused mining companies and his most recent position was Head of Mining at Collins Stewart, which he held from July 2010 to the time he joined Amara.

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DWAYNE MELROSE
President and Chief Executive Officer
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Mr. Melrose has over 30 years' experience in the mining industry, ranging from early stage exploration through to mine operations in both open pit and underground mine operations. He spent over twenty years with Cameco Corporation/Centerra Gold Inc. in North America and Kazakhstan. Mr. Melrose managed the exploration at the Kumtor Gold Mine, Kyrgyz Republic where he was directly responsible for the discovery of the high grade SB Zone and developing 2 satellite deposits which went into production. Mr. Melrose joined the Minco Group in 2007, where he was responsible for taking the Fuwan silver project thru to Feasibility stage.

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BERTRAND MONTEMBAULT
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Bertrand is a French qualified lawyer based in the Paris office of global law firm Herbert Smith Freehills. He has over 20 years' experience advising on mergers and acquisitions, project development, financings and dispute resolution in the energy and natural resources sectors, principally in Francophone Africa.

Bertrand is consistently ranked in the top tier by the leading independent legal directories for his energy and mining expertise in Francophone Africa. He is singled out by Chambers Global 2011 for his 'real local knowledge across Africa, understanding of local law and customs and ability to deal effectively with sensitive issues', while Legal 500 2010 describes him as 'as one of the 'the best experts on civil law mining and oil issues'.

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Tunde is a Partner with ERM. He has 15 years' experience in managing and evaluating social performance activities for the extractive sector that include social impact assessments, resettlement and social investment programmes in Africa, the Middle East, SE Asia, Latin America and the former Soviet Union. Recent experience with mining in West Africa includes projects in Ghana, Mali and Sierra Leone. He worked with the World Bank on a study that analysed conditions for successful Community Development Agreements (CDAs) negotiated between mining companies and communities. He is a key author for the IFC Strategic Community Investment handbook published in 2010.

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David Russell is a Director for Global Resources at Ernst and Young, in the Mining and Metals Transaction Advisory, based in London.

He holds a Special Honours degree in Geology from University of Rhodesia, completed a Diploma in Financial Management, and Advanced Management and Strategic Management qualifications at the University of Witwatersrand, Graduate School of Business.

Previously he was the CEO of AIM and ASX listed exploration and development companies in Southern Africa and Australia and established a resource finance bank's presence in Western Australia. He was also an Executive Director of a TSX-V listed resource company, exploring for gold in Eastern Europe.

David has worked as an Equity Research Analyst with James Capel in Australia, JD Anderson (subsequently Warburgs) in South Africa, as an exploration geologist with Anglo American subsidiary JCI, and as a consulting geologist with Golders in Canada. He has over twenty years direct experience of working in the resources field in Africa.

David is a member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the Geological Society of South Africa, the London Association of Mining Analysts and a Fellow of the Financial Services Institute of Australasia

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In addition to On the Ground Group and MineAfrica Bruce is also the president of A.P.O.C. Inc., a business development company that provides management and executive services to the Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business, of which he is the President.

Prior to immigrating to Canada in 1977 and until 1991 Bruce held various senior executive positions in retail, real estate and finance industries and owned a consulting practice in trade and investment finance in South Africa. He has taught finance and marketing at various universities and colleges both in Canada and South Africa and is a frequent speaker at international conferences. Bruce is a member of both the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the Canadian Institute of Mining.

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Philippa Spence is a Partner based in ERM's London office. She has worked in the mining industry for fifteen years in a range of countries including Guinea, Ethiopia, the US, UK, Iran, Zimbabwe, Namibia, South Africa and Romania. Philippa works at both the corporate level, developing strategy, policy and management systems, and at the operational level where these are implemented. She leads ERM UK's international Impact Assessment and Planning practice and was until recently the global leader of ERM's global Sustainable Finance practice. She has extensive experience of both applying and auditing the application of the Equator Principles, IFC Performance Standards and other associated international standards.

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