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PROFESSOR COLIN ROBERTS APPOINTED AS CONSULTANT

The Directors of Rift Valley Resources Ltd (ASX: RVY) are pleased to announce that Professor Colin Roberts has been appointed as a consultant to the company.

Professor Colin Roberts possesses over 40 years of multi-disciplinary resource industry experience; most of which has been in developing world, and Africa in particular.

He is an Authorised Emissary of the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) of the World Bank and currently serves the Pakistan Prime Minister's Secretariat as the Honorary Investment Consul for Australia. He is co-author of the International Bar Association (IBA) Rules on Investor-State Mediation and is director of Natural Resource Geo-Strategy where he advises governments on resources policy and foreign direct investment (FDI).

He also advises transnational corporations on political risk mitigation through Natural Resource Geo-Strategy (NRG) and is an international arbitrator and mediator at the Centre for International Dispute Resolution (CIDR) and Resource Dispute Resolution (RDR).

A graduate of the Western Australian School of Mines - Curtin University, the Centre for Energy, Petroleum & Mineral Law & Policy (CEPMLP) - University of Dundee and Queen Mary College - University of London, he is a chartered petroleum engineer (CPetEng), chartered mining engineer (CEng), and chartered scientist (CSci); additionally qualified in resources law & policy, international investment law, international competition law (Churchill College – Cambridge) and international commercial and investment arbitration.

He is professor of international law at the Department of Petroleum Engineering - Curtin University, is a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCIArb), Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (FAusIMM), South African Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (FSAIMM), Energy Institute-UK (FEI), Australian Institute of Energy (FAIE), Dispute Board Federation (FDBF), Genève and the British Institute of Materials, Mining & Metallurgy (FIMMM). Prior to his current positions, he was the general manager/partner of RSG Global/Coffey Mining; the Centre for International Dispute Resolution and Management (CIDRAM); the deputy director and commercial director of the CEPMLP, University of Dundee; director of the CEPMLP MBA Programme in Resource Management; leader of the CEPMLP Africa Programme, director of the CEPMLP LLM Programme in International Dispute Resolution and Management; Director and General Manager of all the African mining and drilling operations of Layne Christensen and adviser in his areas of expertise to the Commonwealth Secretariat, London.

Colin also participates in industry organizations, not-for-profit boards and charities, holding positions on the boards of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy (AusIMM-WA), Australian Mining & Petroleum Law Association (AMPLA-WA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators - Australia (CIArb), Australian Institute of Energy (AIE-WA), Asia-Pacific Advisory Council of the Dispute Board Federation – Genève (DBF), past president of the Mining Institute of Scotland (MIS) and immediate past chairman of the Society of Petroleum Engineers - WA (SPE) and a quite a few others.

In addition to the above, he is a member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA); the International Bar Association (IBA): Section on Energy, Environmental, Natural Resources & Infrastructure Law and Dispute Resolution; the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN); the American Arbitration Association (AAA) Panel of Neutrals, Energy Arbitrators List and the Human Rights Institute (HRI).

After military service, Professor Roberts started his career in major construction. He later entered the resource industry as a drill crewmember, working his way up through the ranks to board level. Professor Roberts was involved in the discovery and development of numerous world-class mineral and petroleum deposits. Subsequently, he spent five years in academia at Curtin University's Western Australian School of Mines, studying and lecturing in mining, petroleum and core engineering subjects. The remaining years were spent mainly in the drilling and production sector, working as an engineer at various levels in design,

operational, managerial and executive positions negotiating and directing major projects with values exceeding US\$1 billion (NPV) in the mining and petroleum industries throughout the Australia-Pacific region, Europe, the Middle East, Central, Southern and Eastern Asia, with the six years prior to the CEPMLP, as managing director and general manager of a world major resources services company throughout Africa.

Roberts has been associated with Africa for around 20 years, living in Ghana, Tanzania and Zambia and managing mining and drilling operations in over 30 African states. With particular reference to Angola and Tanzania, he has experience in nearly every mining project in Tanzania and in iron and manganese projects in Angola, at both a technical and sovereign-risk mitigation capacity.

Professor Roberts' current interests are in the fields of foreign direct investment, conflict and dispute resolution, alternative dispute resolution, resources policy and mitigation of sovereign risk in the developing world.

Geoff Gilmour, Managing Director commented "Colin's vast understanding of all facets of resources and risk mitigation will prove to be an invaluable asset to Rift as we look to unraveling the value of the Tanzanian and Angola projects. He is a welcomed member of our team of Directors and Consultants".

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