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**SA Chamber of
Mines and Energy Inc**

Key personnel boost for mining lobby

The surging resources sector in South Australia has been backed up by an increase in firepower for the State's mining lobby.

Two key senior personnel have been added to the line-up driving the South Australian Chamber of Mines and Energy Inc (SACOME) as the organisation maintains its leadership role in promoting nationally and internationally, South Australia's expanding exploration and mine development profile.

The SACOME appointments come at a time South Australia's resources sector is poised for massive growth in production, leading to a greater than ever contribution to the State's economy. To assist the industry during this crucial stage of growth, SACOME has created the two key positions; **Director Industry Development** and **Director Industry Marketing**. The appointees are:

Director Industry Development – Mr Jonathon Forbes

Mr Forbes will be working in a senior policy and industry development role to ensure the resources sector in South Australia is best placed to take advantage of the opportunities that exist here, but also nationally and internationally.

He has extensive policy experience in the agricultural sector including roles with the NSW Farmers' Association, PIRSA and the last six years with the SA Farmers' Federation.

"It's a wonderful opportunity and time to be joining the mining sector. The boom in exploration will soon translate into a number of new mining operations coming on-stream and SACOME has a crucial role to play in helping our members manage this growth," Mr Forbes said.

Director Industry Marketing – Ms Anne Walker

Ms Walker will be working to enhance understanding about the role of the resources sector in South Australia, communicating with a range of stakeholders including the South Australian community, government and the industry itself.

Ms Walker has a background in communication and professional writing, including roles with the Australian Medical Association (South Australia) and Adelaide Bank.

"It is an exciting time to join this industry, and I can already see there are many ways to enhance understanding and relationships between the resources industry and stakeholders," she said.

SACOME's Chief Executive, Mr Jason Kuchel, said "The appointments reflect the increasingly important contribution of the mining and energy sectors to South Australia where for the first time, mining's economic contributions have overtaken those of the manufacturing sector."

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