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## NEW APPOINTMENT TO OVERSEE AUSDRILL'S AFRICAN GROWTH

Ausdrill has appointed highly experienced mining services executive Chris Tuckwell to the newly-created position of Chief Operating Officer – African Operations, with the role reflecting the increasing importance of Africa to the Company's growth plans.

Mr Tuckwell is a qualified construction engineer with 28 years' experience in the mining sector.

With his appointment Mr Tuckwell will return to Ausdrill where he was previously employed for 13 years (between 1994 – 2007) in a variety of senior roles, most of which were focused on Africa. During this period he also held the position of General Manager – Australia (2000 –2004). More recently he has served as Chief Executive Officer of listed mining services company MACA Limited.

In his new role, Mr Tuckwell will oversee Ausdrill's operations throughout Africa, providing over-arching leadership to the Company's West African team, led by John Kavanagh, and East African team, led by Chris Gall.

Ausdrill Managing Director Ron Sayers said: "We are pleased to welcome Chris Tuckwell back to Ausdrill, and look forward to his contribution to the continuing development and growth of our businesses in Africa."

Ausdrill continues to grow its African operations, with key divisions being:

- **African Mining Services** which provides a full suite of surface contract mining and exploration drilling services for the mining industry throughout West Africa
- **African Underground Mining Services** (50% owned by Ausdrill) which provides underground mining services to customers in West Africa
- **Ausdrill Tanzania** which provides drilling, blasting and exploration services
- **Ausdrill Zambia**, a recent expansion of services to target further opportunities in Eastern Africa.

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“We believe there are tremendous opportunities in Africa, and will continue to invest in people and equipment in order meet our customers’ requirements and pursue further growth,” Mr Sayers said.

**About Ausdrill**

*Ausdrill (ASX: ASL) is a diversified mining services company. Since its formation in Kalgoorlie in 1987, Ausdrill has grown significantly and now has operations across Australia, Africa and the United Kingdom. Ausdrill is a leader in providing services in contract mining, grade control, drill & blast, exploration, mineral analysis, procurement & logistics and manufacturing. The Ausdrill Group employs over 5,000 staff worldwide.*

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