

News Release

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Anglo American appoints third new non-executive director to its Board

Anglo American plc ("Anglo American" or "the Group") announces the appointment to its Board of Ray O'Rourke as a non-executive director, with immediate effect.

Ray O'Rourke is the founder, Chairman and Chief Executive of Laing O'Rourke, Europe's largest privately owned construction company, employing 30,000 people across Europe, the Middle East and Australia. Since the acquisition of John Laing Construction in 2001, Laing O'Rourke has delivered a fivefold increase in revenue to £4.2 billion in 2008, driven primarily by broadening the focus of the company from building and contracting to include fully integrated construction project management services to its global clients.

Sir John Parker, Chairman of Anglo American, said: "I am delighted to welcome Ray O'Rourke to the Anglo American Board. Ray has a proven track record in delivering complex and large scale projects around the world, mobilising large numbers of people with great success and applying leading project management practices. His entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to safety, engineering, innovation and the development of people will add considerable strength to our Board."

Notes to Editors:

Ray O'Rourke, age 62, was born in Mayo in the Republic of Ireland. He founded the O'Rourke Group in 1977, having begun his career at Kier and J Murphy & Sons. In 2001, the O'Rourke Group acquired John Laing, to form Laing O'Rourke, now Europe's largest privately owned construction company, of which Ray O'Rourke is Chairman and Chief Executive.

Ray is the third new non-executive director appointed to the Board of Anglo American since the appointment of the Group's new Chairman, Sir John Parker, on 1 August 2009.

Anglo American plc is one of the world's largest mining groups. With its subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates, it is a global leader in platinum group metals and diamonds, with significant interests in coal, base and ferrous metals, as well as an industrial minerals business. The Group is geographically diverse, with operations in Africa, Europe, South and North America, Australia and Asia.
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