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## APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN DR. CHRISTOPHER POINTON

The Board of Avenira Limited advises that it is appointed Dr. Christopher Pointon as Independent Non-Executive Chairman, following the passing of Dick Block. Dr. Pointon was appointed an Independent Non-Executive Director on 30 June 2016.

Dr. Pointon, who is based in the United Kingdom, is a respected mining executive with deep public company board and operational management experience. Dr. Pointon trained as a geologist and has over 35 years experience in the resources business, initially with Rio Tinto and subsequently with Royal Dutch/Shell, Gencor, Billiton and BHP Billiton. His experience includes exploration, operations management, mergers, acquisitions, post-transaction integration and change management. He has led acquisition and aggressive growth initiatives as well as major turn-arounds and divestments and he has operated in Australia, Africa, Asia, South America and Europe. Dr. Pointon's abridged resume is attached.

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## Summary Resume – Chris Pointon

Chris Pointon was President of BHP Billiton’s Stainless Steel Materials Division until 2006. He led and developed BHP Billiton’s nickel business from its inception in Billiton Plc in 1996 to become the world’s third largest nickel producer. He was a member of the Executive Committee of BHP Billiton from its formation in 2001 to 2006.

Since retiring from BHP Billiton in 2006 Chris has served on the boards of three public companies – Ruukki Group Oyj (to 2013), European Nickel plc (to 2010) and African Eagle plc (to 2013), and has worked as a consultant to a number of resource companies. He has worked with AMCI Capital, a private equity group, since 2010 and is a Director of Grupo Minero Las Cenizas, a private copper mining company in which AMCI has invested. He is a member of the board of Anemka Resources LP.

Chris has over 35 years’ experience in the resources business, initially with Rio Tinto, and subsequently with Royal Dutch/Shell, Gencor, Billiton and BHP Billiton. His experience includes exploration, operations management, mergers, acquisitions, post-transaction integration and change management. In the context of his leadership of BHP Billiton’s Stainless Steel Materials Division he led acquisition and aggressive growth initiatives, and also major turn-arounds and divestments.

He has operated in Australia, Africa, Asia and South America and Europe. He has wide experience throughout the minerals value chain, in mining, processing and commercialisation, and been involved with many mineral commodities, including nickel, copper, ferrochrome, gold, zinc and aluminium.

Chris has a BSc (Earth Sciences and Chemistry) and PhD (Geology).

Chris now lives in the UK. His philanthropic activities include membership of the Campaign Board of the University of Leeds.