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STEEL INDUSTRY EXPERT JOINS AUSTPAC TEAM

Austpac Resources N.L. is pleased to announce that steel industry professional, Alan Blackshaw, has joined the Company's growing team at the Newcastle Iron Recovery Plant. As interest in Austpac's technology continues to grow in the steel industry, Mr Blackshaw's experience will be an invaluable asset in positioning the Company as a major player in the iron recovery business.

Mr Blackshaw has over 30 years international experience in steel making, has held senior management and production positions with BHP, Smorgon Steel, OneSteel, New Zealand Steel and Concast AG, and has developed extensive networks around the world with some of the biggest companies in the industry.

Mr Blackshaw is working closely with Austpac's management and is assisting the Company to implement the Newcastle Iron Recovery Plant and to identify additional opportunities for our recycling technologies around the world.

"Austpac's technologies are unique and the Newcastle project is a very exciting one. The potential for the EARS process in treating steel wastes is huge, and I look forward to joining the team that brings this technology to both domestic and international markets," Mr Blackshaw said.

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About Austpac Resources N.L. (ASX code: APG)

Austpac Resources N.L. [www.austpacresources.com] is a minerals technology company focused on the titanium, steel and iron ore industries. It has been listed on the Australian Stock Exchange since 1986. Austpac's key technology transforms ilmenite into high-grade synthetic rutile, a preferred feedstock for titanium metal and titanium dioxide pigment production. The technology is also being used to process waste chloride solutions and iron oxides produced by steel making to recover hydrochloric acid and iron metal pellets

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