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APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

- **Gordon Lewis; experienced mining executive and Indonesian mine builder, further strengthens Robust board**
- **Key leadership appointment to take Romang Island projects through study phases into production**

Robust Resources Limited ('Robust' or 'the Company') is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Gordon Lewis to the Board as an Executive Director. The appointment, which is effective immediately, further strengthens the Company's leadership of its Indonesian projects.

Mr Lewis is a mining engineer with more than 40 years industry experience, including five years at Board level with junior mining companies. With a proven track record in advancing exploration projects into production, Mr Lewis's career has incorporated the development and operation of several gold mines in the Asian region. He was the founding Mining Manager of Rio Tinto's large 7 Moz Kelian mine in Indonesia, and he lead the acquisition and development of Indonesia's first successful heap leach operation at Lanut in Sulawesi, for Avocet Mining PLC.

Gordon Lewis first joined Robust as Chief Operating Officer (COO) in May 2011; a position he retains in addition to his directorship. In his role as COO, Mr Lewis is leading the Lakuwahi Oxide Gold-Silver Project Scoping Study, which is scheduled for completion by mid 2012.

Mr Lewis holds a BEng, MEng, and a First Class Mine Managers Certificate of Competency (South Australia). He is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy.

The chairman of Robust Resources, Dr David King, welcomed Mr Lewis to the Board and said his appointment demonstrated Robust's commitment to the development of the Lakuwahi Project. Dr King further commented: "We are delighted to have appointed Gordon Lewis to the Board as he brings us an outstandingly high level of technical and in-country experience and leadership in both mine development and innovative processing techniques. The skills he brings will be invaluable at board level as we move the Romang Island projects through the study phases and into production.

"We are now very confident we have the key team leaders in place to efficiently realise the value of our ongoing exploration success.

"With a strong partner in the Salim Group, and a project that will continue to grow in scope and value, Robust is very well placed as it enters 2012."

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