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## STIRLING WINS GOLD – SWAN GOLD

Western Australian resources developer Stirling Resources (ASX: SRE) has completed the recapitalisation of Monarch Gold and will now move towards restarting operations immediately.

Stirling settled the transaction on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. This means the Administrator has retired and a new Board of Directors will take control of the Carnegie and Mt Ida gold assets in the West Australian Goldfields. Stirling Resources will own and control 37% of the Company.

All Monarch shareholders will retain their full number of existing Monarch shares in the newly rebadged company Swan Gold Mining Limited.

The Company is aiming to reach full production in 12 months, with a target production rate of 100,000 ounces per year and will make immediate application to re-list on the ASX as Swan Gold Mining (ASX:SWA).

Stirling Resources Managing Director Michael Kiernan said the successful recapitalisation was a significant step towards production and cash flow for all shareholders.

"Today marks the rebirth of the Company as Swan Gold. This transaction has taken a considerable amount of work, but we have remain committed to delivering this outcome and we would like to acknowledge the Administrator Bryan Hughes for his cooperative approach throughout this period, and more particularly the support of new shareholders who have facilitated this milestone," Mr Kiernan said.

"The completion of this transaction leaves Swan Gold well placed to move quickly into production, capitalise on the strong gold market and deliver value for shareholders," he said.

Mr Kiernan said significant amount of planning work had already been undertaken during the past six months in readiness for production.

"Mining consultants SRK have been reviewing the Carnegie open pit mining plans for the Riverina, Sandking and Missouri pits, and we have engaged Barcon Logistics for mining and general contracting activities," Mr Kiernan said.

"It is anticipated that first mining will commence at Carnegie in four to six weeks, with a targeted production of 60,000 ounces per year."

At Mt Ida, the Company is in negotiations for toll treatment of up to 40,000ozpa of ore at a third party mill. Swan Gold is aiming to commence Mt Ida operations in the June quarter.

Swan Gold has a Board and management team with significant gold experience in the Goldfields region (*biographies below*). For a corporate overview on Swan Gold, please visit [www.swangoldmining.com.au](http://www.swangoldmining.com.au)

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## Stirling Resources Overview

Stirling Resources Limited is a West Australian resources developer focusing on investment and development of copper, gold and zircon projects. It has significant investments in copper and zircon projects through major shareholdings in Redbank Copper (ASX: RCP) and Matilda Zircon (ASX: MZI).

The Company consists of highly experienced resource development and mining personnel with track records of creating shareholder value.

Stirling's strategy is to identify projects that comprise commodities that are considered to have strong future demand, and favorable geological characteristics. The focus is on brown fields projects close to development or production.

Driven by the underlying fundamentals of the Chinese economy and the continued substantial urbanization process taking place requiring commodities such as copper, gold and zircon (for the use in ceramics and porcelain) Stirling is well placed to benefit from the resulting strong and continuing demand for these resources. Chinese growth is also augmented by the Indian economic growth requiring similar resources.

The Company's website is [www.stirlingresources.com.au](http://www.stirlingresources.com.au)



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## Directors and Senior Management – Swan Gold



**Michael Kiernan – Chairman**  
**Bachelor of Business, Fellow Australian Institute of Company Directors**

Michael Kiernan has 40 years experience in mining, production and transport industries. He has held management and Board positions with a number of ASX listed companies involved in manganese, chromite, iron ore, mineral sands, copper, coal and gold. He is a major shareholder in Stirling Resources, Swan Gold's major shareholder and proponent of the recapitalization.



**Bruce Maluish – Managing Director**  
**Bachelor of Applied Science (Surveying), Diploma in Mining, Project Planning and Finance**

Bruce Maluish has 20 years experience in the management and development of mining operations. He was part of the management team which acquired Hill 50 Gold Mine and successfully rejuvenated the operation where it was acquired by Harmony Gold. He was also CEO of Abelle Ltd and was involved in the company's IPO, mine development and merger with Aurora Resources. Previously held management roles at Mount Fisher Gold Mines, Darlot Gold Mine, Mount Burgess Gold Mining, Mount Monger Gold and Sundowner Minerals.



**Ian Price – Non-Executive Mining Director**  
**Bachelor of Engineering (Mining), Fellow Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

Ian Price is a Mining Engineer with 30 years experience in mine operations, public company management and consulting. He was Managing Director of Austindo Resources Corporation and was responsible for the completion of the feasibility study, financing and development of the Company's Cibaliung Gold Project in Indonesia. He has also worked as General Manager/Mining Engineer at Mining One Consultants and has experience in base metals, gold and coal mining and processing. He has a strong background in underground mining working throughout Australia and Asia.



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**John Baxter – Non-Executive Exploration Director**  
**Bachelor of Science (Hons), Member Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

John Baxter has 40 years experience in the mineral industry as a geologist and consultant, carrying out numerous resource assessments of mining and exploration properties. His expertise includes assessing heavy mineral sand exploration and in the estimation of mineral resources. He has also published papers on heavy mineral sand deposits in WA as well as resource calculation and valuation methodologies.



**Allan Brown – Non-Executive Metallurgy Director**  
**Bachelor of Science Metallurgy (Honours), Fellow Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

Allan Brown has 40 years experience as a metallurgist, specialising in the design, testing, commissioning and operation of base metal processing projects. He has worked as an industry consultant on metal processing projects in Australia and overseas for a range of local and global organisations including AngloGold, Newcrest and CBH Resources. He worked as Project and Mine Manager for a number of gold and base metal developers including Wiluna Gold, Sally Malay Nickel and Murchison Zinc.



**Keith Vuleta – Non-Executive Finance Director**  
**Bachelor of Business (Accounting and Commercial Law), Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia**

Keith Vuleta has held positions as Finance Director, CFO and Company Secretary for public companies in the mining, engineering and financial services industries. He is principally experienced in areas of finance, system policies and controls, financial reporting, risk management and compliance. He is a Chartered Accountant with 20 years experience, having trained with Ernst & Young as an Audit and Systems Consultant.



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## Senior Management



**Richard Jurak – Resident Manager – Carnegie Gold Project**  
**Bachelor of Engineering (Mining), Member Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

Richard Jurak has 16 years experience in both open cut and underground mining operations throughout Australia and Asia. He has participated in all facets of mine management from start up, through to project development, feasibility studies, budgeting and JORC compliant reserves preparation in gold, nickel, copper, iron ore and mining. He has previously worked for Gindalbie Metals Ltd, Straits Resources Ltd, Dominion Mining Ltd, Goldfields Australia Pty Ltd, WMC Pty Ltd and Eltin Underground Pty Ltd.



**Darren Tarrant - Processing Manager – Carnegie Gold Project**  
**Bachelor of Science (Metallurgy), Member Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

Darren Tarrant has 21 years experience in the mineral processing industry. He has previously worked in the Kalgoorlie region and has extensive experience in the gold industry both in Australia and New Zealand. Previously worked at Otter Gold Mines, Normandy, Placer Dome Asia Pacific, St Barbara Mines, Kimberley Diamond Company and Independent Metallurgical Operations.



**Matt Bampton – Technical Manager**  
**Bachelor of Science (Geology, Honours), Master of Science (Environmental Science), Member Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy**

Matt Bampton has 20 years experience as a geologist in the gold mining industry. He has previously worked in both open cut and underground mining operations in the Kalgoorlie and Leonora regions of Western Australia and held management roles with Goldfields Limited and Placer Dome Asia Pacific. His expertise includes developing resource estimations, compiling technical evaluations of ore bodies and ensuring JORC-code compliancy of gold mineral resources and reserves.

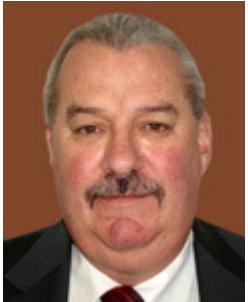
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**Pauline Sorrenson - Site Administrator**  
**Diploma in Personnel Management**

Pauline Sorrenson has 20 years experience in administration management in both mining and road construction. Her previous positions have involved working on several sites in the Pilbara area, the goldfields region and the Northern Territory. In previous roles she has been responsible not only for all aspects of site administration but has been actively involved in the establishment of new sites and camp expansions.



**Peter Davies – Manager Land Administration**

Peter Davies has 40 years experience in the resources industry from underground gold operations, bulk minerals to petroleum exploration and production. For the past twenty years his principal focus has been on regulatory compliance and land access issues with a significant emphasis on aboriginal heritage and native title negotiations.

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