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3 March 2026

## Appointment of Non-Executive Director

**Minerals Exploration Limited (Minerals Exploration or the Company) (ASX: MEX, NZX: MEX)** is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Jason Beckton as a Non-Executive Director of the Company, effective immediately.

Mr Beckton graduated with a Bachelor of Science (Hons) degree from Melbourne University and also a Masters of Economic Geology from the University of Tasmania. He is a professional geologist and a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, with over 30 years' experience in exploration, project development, production and management in Australia and internationally. Relevant experience in Epithermal Gold systems such as the Company's North Island projects, includes in the Mexican Sierra Madre and the Western Tethyan Belt of Europe. Mesothermal experience as per the Company's South Island projects include time in the Goldfields of Western Australia and Victoria.

Mr Beckton was a founder of Otagold Limited (Otagold), which was acquired by the Company in July 2025. He was integral in Otagold's acquisition of the flagship brownfields Waitekauri Gold Project and had been monitoring gold projects in New Zealand since 2014.

Mr Beckton commenced his career with Pancontinental and Goldfields Ltd throughout Australia from the early 1990s before moving to a senior role with Gympie Gold in 2001. Subsequently, he was Project Manager for the Palmarejo silver-gold project in Mexico during 2004. More recently, Mr Beckton was Manager – Chile for Exeter Resource Corporation and, in 2007, led the team that was responsible for the commercial discovery at the Caspiche Porphyry prospect in the Maricunga Gold Copper Belt of Chile.

Mr Beckton is also currently a Director of American Rare Earths Ltd (ASX:ARR), Lode Resources Ltd (ASX:LDR), European Resources Ltd (ASX: ERE) and Cipango Japan.

Non-Executive Chairman, Norman Seckold commented on Mr Beckton's appointment:

*"I have known Jason for over twenty years and I had the great pleasure of working with him through the exploration phase of Bolnisi Gold's Palmarejo precious metals discovery, in which he played a large part. He brings a deep knowledge of epithermal systems to our Company, and we are strengthened as a result. I greatly look forward to working with Jason again."*

An Appendix 3X – Initial Directors Interest Notice for Mr Beckton is attached to this announcement.

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This announcement has been authorised by the Board of Minerals Exploration Limited.

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**About Minerals Exploration Limited – NZ Gold Focused Explorer**

Minerals Exploration Ltd (ASX/NZX: MEX) is implementing an aggressive brownfields exploration strategy at its portfolio of New Zealand gold assets. These assets host known high-grade mineralisation from historical production and exploration activities, are located in the historical Hauraki and Otago Goldfields and sit close to major deposits. The Company is led by Directors and Management with an outstanding track record of exploration success and value creation and is dual-listed on the ASX and NZX.

# Appendix 3X

## Initial Director's Interest Notice

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 30/9/2001.

<b>Name of entity:</b>	Minerals Exploration Limited
<b>ABN:</b>	85 650 124 324

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.1 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

<b>Name of Director:</b>	Jason Beckton
<b>Date of appointment:</b>	3 March 2026

### Part 1 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is the registered holder

*In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust*

<b>Number &amp; class of securities</b>  15,120,977 Fully Paid Ordinary Shares – escrowed until 14/07/2026
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### Part 2 - Director's relevant interests in securities of which the director is not the registered holder

*In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust*

<b>Name of holder &amp; nature of interest</b> <i>Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.</i>	<b>Number &amp; class of securities</b>
Nil	

+ See chapter 19 for defined terms.

**Part 3 – Director's interests in contracts**

*In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.*

<b>Details of contract</b>	Nil
<b>Nature of interest</b>	N/A
<b>Name of registered holder (if issued securities)</b>	N/A
<b>Number and class of securities to which interest relates</b>	N/A

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