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Limited**

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Directors:

Mr Li, Yijie
(Non-Executive
Director/Chairman)

Mr Brian Thornton
(Managing Director/CEO)

Mr Liu, Wei
(Non-Executive Director)

Mr Joseph D Corrigan
(Non-Executive Director)

Senior Management:

Mr Tony Amato
(CFO & Company Secretary)

Board Changes

Hawthorn Resources Limited (ASX : HAW) wishes to announce the following changes to the Board.

Appointment – Mr Wei Liu as a Non Executive Director

Hawthorn Resources Limited (the Company) announces the appointment of Mr Wei Liu as a Non-Executive Director of the Company, effective 16th April 2026.

Mr Wei Liu brings extensive mining, exploration and technical experience to the Company. He is currently the General Manager of Project Studies at PanAust Limited and Managing Director of Laos Saisana Resources Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of PanAust Limited. A copy of Mr Liu's resume is attached.

On behalf of the Board, The Chairman of Hawthorn, Mr Li Yijie welcomes Mr Wei Liu to the Board as the Company continues to progress its key projects in Western Australia.

Mr Wei Liu will stand for election at the Company's Annual General Meeting in 2026.

Retirement – Mr Zhensheng Liu

The Company advises that Mr Zhensheng Liu has formally notified the Board of his intention to resign as a Non-Executive Director, effective 16 April 2026.

Mr Liu has served on the Board since 9 December 2015, providing significant technical expertise and strategic insight into the Company's mining and exploration activities throughout his tenure.

Chairman Mr Li Yijie expresses his sincere appreciation to Mr Liu for his valuable contribution and dedicated service over the past decade and wishes him every success in his future endeavours.

This announcement has been released via the Company Secretary by order of the Board.

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Wei Liu Resume

EDUCATION

China University of Geosciences, Wuhan

Degree: Master of Science

Major: Stratigraphy

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Geologist

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BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Mr. Liu has 18 years of professional experience in mine geology, mineral exploration, mining project management, project investment, and technical assessment. Throughout his career, he has been extensively involved in—and in many cases has led—a wide range of technical and managerial activities that have successfully advanced mineral resources from discovery through evaluation and into production. His work has covered project study phases (Scoping, PFS, FS), resource development programs, operational geology, and technical due diligence for mergers and acquisitions, contributing significant value to the companies he has served.

He has consistently demonstrated strong professional competence in leading multidisciplinary technical teams, managing complex geological and mining study workflows, and integrating geological, technical, and commercial considerations into investment and development decisions. Mr. Liu is recognized as a Competent Person, with proven experience in international resource evaluation, technical reporting, and project assurance processes in accordance with international industry standards

WORK EXPERIENCE

PanAust Limited

General Manager of Project Studies 02/2023 – Present

Laos Saisana Resources LTD

Manager 2025 – Present

Laos Saisana SK Mining Co., Ltd

Managing Director 2025 – Present

Chile Inca De Oro S.A.

Chairman

Guangdong Rising Investment and Development Ltd (HK)

Head of Investment Department 05/2022 – 02/2023

Deputy Manager (in charge of department work), Comprehensive Department 12/2017 – 01/2019

Guangdong Rising Holding Group Ltd

Senior Superintendent, Investment Department 01/2022 – 05/2022

Superintendent, Investment Department 01/2019 – 01/2022

Guangdong Rising Asset Management Ltd

Superintendent, Overseas Department 08/2014 – 01/2019

Early career

07/2007 - 07/2014

Experience in mining and resources, progressing from geological technician and exploration team leader roles at Fankou Lead-Zinc Mine to resource geology and project management positions, and later serving as Director and Vice General Manager of an exploration company in Madagascar.