Appointment of Executive Chairman

Ariana Resources plc (AIM: AAU, ASX: AA2, "**Ariana**" or the "**Company**"), the mineral exploration and development company advancing the 1.6 Moz Dokwe Gold Project in Zimbabwe, is pleased to advise that Mr. Michael Atkins, the current Non-Executive Chairman, has been appointed Executive Chairman of the Company with immediate effect.

Dr. Kerim Sener, Managing Director, commented:

"The Company is entering an important stage in the advancement of the Dokwe Gold Project. Michael's progression into an executive role will strengthen the leadership resources available to the Company as we progress the Definitive Feasibility Study and consider the financing and development options for the project. He will work closely with the management team on corporate strategy, stakeholder engagement and capital-markets activities, with a clear focus on converting the value of Dokwe and our wider portfolio into sustainable shareholder value."

As required by LR 3.16.4 the remuneration for this role is an annual fee of £120,000 gross.

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The Board of Ariana Resources plc has approved this announcement and authorised its release.

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About Ariana Resources plc:

Ariana is a mineral exploration and development company dual-listed on AIM (AIM: AAU) and ASX (ASX: AA2), with its main project being the 1.6 Moz Dokwe Gold Project in Zimbabwe with its DFS in progress. Ariana has an exceptional track record of creating value for its shareholders through its interests in active mining projects and investments in exploration companies. In addition to its Dokwe Gold Project, its other interests include a residual investment in gold-silver production in Türkiye after a recent substantial sell down, and copper-gold-silver exploration and development projects in Kosovo and Cyprus.

For further information on the vested interests Ariana has, please visit the Company's website at www.arianaresources.com.

https://x.com/ArianaResources

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Dokwe Mineral Resource Estimate

Table 1: In-pit Mineral Resource Estimate for the Dokwe Gold Project.

Deposit	Classification	Tonnage (kt)	Grade (g/t Au)	Contained Gold (oz)
Dokwe North	Measured	21,055	0.92	621,500
	Indicated	27,224	0.71	617,400
	Inferred	11,963	0.67	258,500
	Total	**60,242**	**0.77**	**1,497,400**
Dokwe Central	Indicated	2,107	1.39	94,300
	Inferred	117	1.66	6,200
	Total	**2,225**	**1.41**	**100,600**
Total	Measured	21,055	0.92	621,500
	Indicated	29,331	0.75	711,700
	Inferred	12,080	0.68	264,700
Total		**62,467**	**0.80**	**1,598,000**

Notes:
The Dokwe Mineral Resource Estimate is reported within a Dokwe North pit-shell optimized at US$5,000/oz Au. The Mineral Resource Estimate is reported accordance with the JORC (2012) Code, using a cut-off grade of 0.2g/t Au. Errors may be present due to rounding.
The Dokwe Mineral Resource Estimate is inclusive of Reserves.
Figures presented above are both gross and net attributable to Ariana, via its subsidiary Canister Resources (Pvt) Ltd in Zimbabwe.

Compliance Statements

The information in this announcement relating to Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves has been reported by the Company in accordance with the 2012 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' (**JORC Code**) previously (refer to the Company's ASX release titled "Update to Optimised Dokwe Gold Project PFS Announcement released to the ASX market platform on **28 May 2026** and is available on the Company website at http://www.arianaresources.com/) (**Previous Market Announcement**).

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the Previous Market Announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the Previous Market Announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed.

Competent Persons Statement

The information in this announcement relating to the Mineral Resource Estimate at the Dokwe Gold Project is based on, and fairly represents, information and supporting documentation prepared by Ms. Ruth Woodcock, Exploration Group Leader, Ariana Resources plc. Ms. Woodcock is a member of Recognised Professional Organisations as defined by JORC 2012: a Chartered Geologist (CGeol, Geological Society of London) and European Geologist (EurGeol, European Federation of Geologists) and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity upon which she is reporting as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of "The Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves." Ms. Woodcock consents to the inclusion in this report of the matters based on the information compiled by her, in the form and context in which it appears.

The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Persons' findings are presented have not been materially modified from the previous announcements.

Forward looking statements and disclaimer

This announcement contains certain "forward-looking statements". Forward-looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward looking words such as "forecast", "likely", "believe", "future", "project", "opinion", "guidance", "should", "could", "target", "propose", "to be", "foresee", "aim", "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "continue", “indicative” and "guidance", and other similar words and expressions, which may include, without limitation, statements regarding plans, strategies and objectives of management, anticipated production dates, expected costs or production outputs for the Company, based on (among other things) its estimates of future production of the Projects.

To the extent that this document contains forward-looking information (including forward-looking statements, opinions or estimates), the forward-looking information is subject to a number of risk factors, including those generally associated with the gold exploration, mining and production businesses. Any such forward-looking statement also inherently involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results, performance and achievements to be materially greater or less than estimated. These factors may include, but are not limited to, changes in commodity prices, foreign exchange fluctuations, general economic and share market conditions, increased costs and demand for production inputs, the speculative nature of exploration and project development (including the risks of obtaining necessary licenses and permits and diminishing quantities or grades of reserves), changes to the regulatory framework within which the Company operates or may in the future operate, environmental conditions including extreme weather conditions, geological and geotechnical events, and environmental issues, and the recruitment and retention of key personnel.