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Stéphane Brabant is a Paris-based partner of international law firm Herbert Smith LLP. He is head of the firm's Africa practice, as well as global head of its mining group. Stéphane has over 20 years' experience (including seven years in Gabon) advising on matters in Francophone Africa, principally in the energy and natural resources sectors. His practice in recent years has focussed increasingly on risk mitigation and crisis management, with demonstrated experience handling crisis situations in Africa, and negotiating with African governments (often successfully) in an attempt to find solutions to contentious issues without resorting to arbitration. His experience includes appearing before local courts.

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Jason Burkitt is the UK Mining Leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Jason qualified as a chartered accountant in Australia with PricewaterhouseCoopers Melbourne and has been responsible for providing audit and assurance services to numerous mining organisations since transferring to London in 1999.

With over 16 years industry experience Jason has led the provision of PwC's services to a wide variety of mining companies and has been heavily involved with assisting many of these list on the London Stock Exchange and with related deal activity. Jason specialises in helping these companies prepare for listings, execute transactions and advises them on their continuing reporting and risk management obligations.

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Brendan Cahill joined Pelangio in January 2008 following three years as an M&A and corporate securities lawyer at Canada's preeminent mergers and acquisition firm, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg LLP. At Davies, he advised on Barrick's acquisition of Placer Dome for \$10.4 billion and completed public offerings totalling over \$2 billion dollars for various Canadian companies.

Since joining Pelangio, Brendan managed the spin-off of Pelangio Mines' exploration assets to Pelangio Exploration and the subsequent merger of Pelangio Mines with Detour Gold (a transaction valued at \$209 million). He has also played an integral role in raising over \$21 million in financing for Pelangio since April 2008.

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Elena is currently Senior Investment Analyst with African Energy Resources Fund, long-only fund that invests in natural resources companies that operate in Africa. Elena has worked in the City of London, as a mining equity analyst and natural resources' investment banker since 1995.

Elena studied mining engineering and has earned her MPhil and PhD from Royal School of Mines, Imperial College, where she examined application of artificial intelligence to natural resources' data modeling.

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Dr. John Clarke brings considerable experience in mineral exploration, corporate acquisition and mine development in the gold mining sector in Africa. Dr. Clarke was the President and CEO of Nevsun Resources during the discovery and development of its Bisha Mine. Prior to joining Nevsun he was an Executive Director of Ashanti Goldfields Company Limited of Ghana where he contributed to establishing Ashanti's gold exploration program throughout sub-Saharan Africa. He is a Non Executive Director of both Banro Corporation and PMI Gold which have exploration and development activities in Africa. Dr. Clarke holds a B.Sc. in metallurgy from University College Cardiff, a Ph.D. in metallurgy from Cambridge University and an MBA from Middlesex Polytechnic.

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Hannah is responsible for Control Risks' analysis on Africa as a whole and provides analysis of political, security and reputational risks to clients investing and operating in West Africa. Hannah travels regularly in the region and has extensive experience in on-the-ground project risk assessments for extractives companies involving field research, site visits and risk workshops. She also works on forward-looking scenario analysis and comparative political and security risks studies for companies looking to invest in Africa.

Before joining Control Risks, Hannah worked for the International Crisis Group in Dakar (Senegal). Hannah has journalistic experience, having worked with Deutsche Welle TV, Tagesspiegel Berlin and Berliner Zeitung. She has a first-class undergraduate degree in Political Science, Freie Universität Berlin and a Masters Degree in Development Studies, London School of Economics.

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ALAIN MIZELLE

President and Chief Executive Officer

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Alain Mizelle, Ms (Geol), Msc (Eng) Mining, has over 15 years of experience in the West African natural resources, oil and gas industry. Between 1996 and 2001 he was a Petroleum Geologist with Energy Africa Ltd where he recommended acquisitions resulting in discovery of over 2 billion barrels of oil in Equatorial Guinea. Between 2001–2011 he was the Founder of Gulf of Guinea Petroleum Corp (GGPC), a Canadian Company to screen projects with partners such as Heritage Oil & Gas, Nissho Iwai, Energy Africa). He also founded Prevail Energy Ltd and Prevail Investment Ltd to invest private funds and start up mining projects. Alain is well connected with government relationships and is well respected in African natural resources circles.

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Greg specialises in mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate governance and other aspects of corporate law. Greg has been involved in a wide range of public and private M&A, equity capital markets, joint ventures and other corporate transactions both in the UK and internationally. He regularly advises both investment banks and corporate clients. He has been closely involved in a range of securities and corporate law regulatory issues. He has particular experience of advising on listed company transactions. Greg is listed as a leading lawyer in Chambers Global and IFLR1000.

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GEORGE ROACH

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Mr. Roach, the former President and CEO of AfNat Resources, has been involved in the mineral exploration industry in sub-Saharan Africa for over 25 years. He has extensive experience in securing and establishing mineral exploration tenure and operations throughout Africa namely, Central African Republic, South Africa, Chad, Ethiopia, Namibia, Zambia and Tanzania.

Mr. Roach was one of the founding Directors and Managing Director Africa for UraMin Inc., a uranium resource company with operations in Namibia, South Africa and CAR. Mr. Roach maintains interests in G&B African Resources Ltd. and is a director of Ethiopian Potash, TSX listed Potash company.

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In addition to On the Ground Group and MineAfrica, Bruce is also the president of A.P.O.C. Inc., a business development company that provides management and executive services to the Canada-Southern Africa Chamber of Business, of which he is the President.

Prior to immigrating to Canada in 1977 and until 1991 Bruce held various senior executive positions in retail, real estate and finance industries and owned a consulting practice in trade and investment finance in South Africa. He has taught finance and marketing at various universities and colleges both in Canada and South Africa and is a frequent speaker at international conferences. Bruce is a member of both the Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada and the Canadian Institute of Mining.

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Michael Smyth is primarily responsible for investments in mining, energy, alternative energies and other resources opportunities at Lionhart. Prior to joining, he was CEO of publicly listed Geoinformatics Exploration LTD, a global mineral exploration company, and before that was CFO of mineral explorer Bactech Mining Ltd. His financial markets experience includes senior positions at large Canadian public companies TransCanada PipeLines, Lac Minerals and Bell Canada, and prior, Michael spent 8 years in the capital markets teams at Scotiabank and RBC in Canada. He is a board member of public companies Mukuba Resources Ltd and SparCap One, plus is founder and director of Shwachman Diamond Syndrome Canada.

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MICHAEL WALTER

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Michael's practice extends across a broad range of company and commercial work which includes mergers, acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, demergers and corporate reconstructions, privatisations, equity and debt offerings and Stock Exchange and Takeover Panel issues. His clients have included British and foreign companies and corporations, large and small, public and private, quoted and unquoted, engaged in a variety of businesses and market sectors.

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