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GAM Announces Appointment of Mark Comerford and Peter Kong to its Board of Directors

Key appointments support GAM's mission to promote tantalum supply chain growth and sustainability awareness.

Waltham, MA – June 19, 2014 – [Global Advanced Metals Pty Ltd \(GAM\)](#), a world leader in the socially responsible production of tantalum, has announced the appointment of Mark Comerford and Peter Kong to its Board of Directors.

“We are delighted to welcome Mark and Peter onto the Board, and we expect their inclusion will enable us to better understand and serve end users of our products such as electronic consumer device, automobile, industrial component, aircraft engine as well as many other designers and manufacturers,” said James McClements, Chairman of the Board of GAM. “Mark and Peter both bring a diverse range of knowledge and experience to our team as we continue to deliver steady growth and stewardship on behalf of all of GAM’s stakeholders.”

Mark Comerford has held progressive leadership positions with advanced engineered product companies servicing consumer electronics, aerospace, defense, industrial, telecoms, automotive and medical markets. Mr. Comerford is currently President and CEO at Haynes International, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAYN), which specializes in high performance alloys for use in high temperature, corrosion resistant applications such as in the aerospace industry, which also consumes tantalum metal products.

Peter Kong’s career has spanned various senior management positions with industrial and commercial manufacturing and electronic component distribution companies. Most recently, Mr Kong served as President of Global Components at Arrow Electronics, Inc. (NYSE: ARW), one of the world’s largest distributors of electronic components. In this role, Peter led global component distribution operations in 47 countries and territories. Electronic component distributors are a major sales channel for components such as tantalum capacitors and many types of tantalum containing semiconductors.

“Peter and Mark are great additions to our team and will certainly add to our future success and assist our efforts as we promote the general use of tantalum products to end users and designers as a safe, sustainable, available, and ethically sourced material,” said Andrew O’Donovan, CEO of GAM. “I know that Peter and Mark share GAM’s Values that include unwavering commitment to the safety of our employees, a conflict free and sustainable supply chain, and minimal impact on our environment.”



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About Global Advanced Metals Pty Ltd

Global Advanced Metals Pty Ltd owns the world's largest known resource of tantalum ore in its Western Australia mines, is actively engaged in exploration and resource development throughout the world, and processes tantalum ore into finished products at its facilities in Japan and the USA. GAM is a global leader in the production, development and sustainable supply of tantalum to a range of industries including electronics, aerospace, automotive and chemical processing. GAM smelting facilities were first officially declared "Conflict Free" in 2010 under the EICC/GeSI Conflict Free Smelter (CFS) audit process, and continue to maintain that status today.

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