

### **Mrs Foibe Louise Namene appointed as Rössing Uranium chairperson**

**1 December 2017**

Rössing Uranium Limited's managing director Mr Werner Duvenhage announced today that the Rössing Board of Directors have appointed Mrs Foibe Louise Namene as its new chairperson, effective from 1 December 2017.

Mr Duvenhage said: "We welcome Mrs Namene as the board's new chairperson. It will be a great privilege to be working with her in steering the future of the business."

Mrs Namene has been a member of the Rössing board since March 2016 and also serves as a director on various company boards in Namibia.

Her current position is chief executive officer of the Electricity Control Board (ECB) after joining the ECB as chief legal advisor in 1996.

Amongst other qualifications Mrs Namene holds a master degree in Economic Law (LLM) from the University of Namibia, obtained in 2006.

Mrs Namene is taking over from Mr Johannes !Gawaxab as chairperson who informed the board in October this year that he intended to resign from the board in order to focus on other business commitments. He remained on as chairperson until such time that a successor was appointed.



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#### **About Rössing Uranium**

Uranium was discovered in the Namib Desert in 1928, but it was not until intensive exploration in the late 1950s that much interest was shown in the area. After discovering numerous uranium occurrences, Rio Tinto secured the rights to the low-grade Rössing deposit in 1966. Ten years later, in 1976, Rössing Uranium, Namibia's first commercial uranium mine, began operating and celebrated its 40th year of production in 2016.

#### **About Rio Tinto**

Rio Tinto is a leading international mining group headquartered in the UK, combining Rio Tinto plc, a London and NYSE listed company, and Rio Tinto Limited, which is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange.

Rio Tinto's business is finding, mining, and processing mineral resources. Major products are aluminium, copper, diamonds, energy (coal and uranium), gold, industrial minerals (borax, titanium dioxide, salt) and iron ore. Activities span the world but are strongly represented in Australia and North America with significant businesses in South America, Asia, Europe and Africa.

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