



# Directorate Change

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**Firestone Diamonds plc  
("Firestone" or the "Company") (AIM: FDI)**

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Firestone Diamonds plc, the AIM-quoted diamond development company, is pleased to announce, effective today, the appointment of Mr. Keith Johnson to Firestone's Board of Directors (the "Board"), as a Non-executive Director.

Keith joins the Board as the nominated Non-executive Director of Resource Capital Fund VI L.P., one of the Company's major shareholders.

**Lucio Genovese, Chairman of Firestone commented:**

*"On behalf of the Board, I would like to welcome Keith to the Company. Keith brings with him a vast amount of experience in the mining sector, which further strengthens the Board as we develop the Liqobong Mine into a top tier global diamond mine."*

### **Further information**

Keith Johnson has over 25 years of experience in the natural resources sector, 18 of which were in the mining industry where he held various senior positions within Rio Tinto plc ("Rio"), including on its Executive Committee from 2003 to 2009. From 2003 to 2007, Keith had overall responsibility for Rio's global diamond business which accounted for over US\$1billion in revenue and operated across three continents. In 2007, Keith was appointed Head of Business Resources, where he was part of the team responsible for the integration of Alcan Inc., following its acquisition in October 2007. Prior to joining Rio, he worked in analytical roles in the UK Treasury, private consulting and the oil industry.

In January 2010, Keith joined FTSE 250 Oil & Gas Company, BG Group plc ("BG Group"), as General Manager of Strategy and Portfolio Development. Whilst at BG Group, Keith was responsible for formulating and communicating BG Group's strategy both internally and externally.

Keith holds an MBA in Finance and a BSc degree in Mathematics and Operational Research and is also a Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society.

The following additional information is provided in accordance with paragraph (g) of Schedule Two Part to the AIM Rules for Companies ("AIM Rules"):

### **Keith Brian Johnson (aged 53)**

*Current Directorships*  
The Bread Tin  
Soul Survivor

*Past Directorships within the last five years*  
Soul Survivor Trading Limited

There is no other information that is required to be disclosed pursuant to paragraph (g) of Schedule Two to the AIM Rules.

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**Background information on Firestone**

Firestone is an international diamond development company with operations focused on Lesotho. Firestone is currently in the process of developing the Liqhobong Mine Development Project in Lesotho to become a plus one million carat per annum producer.

Lesotho is emerging as one of Africa's significant new diamond producers, and hosts Gem Diamonds' Letseng Mine, Firestone's Liqhobong Mine, as well as Namakwa Diamonds' Kao Mine and the Mothae development project.

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