



Borax

Judy Brown, has joined Rio Tinto Borax, the world leader in borate supply and science, as Manager, Government and Community Affairs. In this role, Brown will direct political strategy and policy development at both a local and national level within Europe, the Americas and Asia Pacific. Most recently Brown served as Director, Federal Government Relations for Kennecott Utah Copper, Kennecott Minerals Company, Kennecott Energy Company, Rio Tinto Borax and Luzenac America. Within this role she represented the companies before Congress, the Administration and national and international industry leaders. Additionally, she developed and implemented legislative, regulatory and policy strategy. Before joining the Rio Tinto group in 2000, Brown served as Legislative Director, Environment and Regulatory Affairs for the US Chamber of Commerce.

Austpac

Robert Harrison has been appointed to the Board of Austpac Resources NL. Harrison is managing director of the mineral sands consultancy Mineralex Agencies Pty Ltd, and has had over 20 years experience marketing titanium minerals and zircon. In particular, it is hoped that Harrison's broad knowledge of the titanium feed stock business will assist Auspac in obtaining markets for its products. Additionally, **Charles A. MacDonald** has resigned as a Director of Austpac in order to concentrate on his role as an engineering consultant. As Auspac moves into the feasibility, construction and commissioning stages of the ERMS SR commercialisation process, the move is intended to avoid any potential conflict of interest when he provides engineering services.

BeMaX Resources/Ticor

BeMaX Resources NL has announced the resignation of **Brian Ellis** as a director within the group. Ellis will be joining Ticor Ltd as a Corporate Advisor-Marketing, reporting

to CEO, Peter Robinson. In an open briefing, Peter Robinson said that the appointment of Brian Ellis, who he commented was one of the most respected TiO2 marketers in the industry, was to "to ensure appropriate interface with Ticor's major customers." In order to "enhance [Ticor's] reputation within the marketplace".

Cia Minera Las Cuevas/Quimica Fluor

Hector Valle has been appointed Managing Director for Cia Minera Las Cuevas SA de CV and Quimica Fluor SA de CV (QF). QF is the leading Mexican producer of HF, and in May this year was acquired by Mexico's Grupo Industrial Camesa SA, parent company of fluorspar producer Minera Las Cuevas. The deal was worth \$25m. (For more information see p. 65, this issue).

Westerlund

Frank Geldhof has joined Westerlund Group NV as commercial manager. Westerlund is an Antwerp-based logistics company specialised in forest products and kaolin handling and distribution. Geldhof will focus on developing Westerlund's activities and client base in distribution and logistics, working closely with European receivers in co-operation with other specialists in France, China and the UK.

Mosaic Company

Lawrence W. Stranghoener has been named Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Mosaic Company. Mosaic is a Minneapolis based crop nutrition company to be formed upon the closing of the combination of Cargill Crop Nutrition and IMC Global Inc. (see IM August '04, p.15). Stranghoener will become the first CFO of Mosaic. He is currently Executive Vice President and CFO of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans where he has worked for the past 3.5 years.

Douglas Hoadley has also been named to head the investor relations function of the Mosaic Company. For the last 3 years, Hoadley has been the Director of Investor Relations and Market Analysis for IMC Global. For 12 years before joining IMC Global, Hoadley worked for British Sulphur.

The Camborne School of Mines

The Camborne School of Mines is moving to a new address. With effect from 27 September the new details shall be: Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter in Cornwall, Tremough Campus, Penryn, Cornwall, TR10 9EZ, UK www.ex.ac.uk/cornwall



D. Oscar Groomes, CEO of Almatris
Courtesy of Almatris GmbH.

Almatris

Almatris GmbH, the global leader in alumina products and formerly Alcoa Speciality Chemicals, has announced the appointment of **D. Oscar Groomes** as the company's chief executive officer. Groomes joined Almatris after 20 years within General Electric Company (GE) where he was executive vice president of strategic projects and programs. In 2002 he was president and chief executive officer of GE Rail Services in Chicago, and prior to this post he was president of GE Speciality Materials.

Great Lakes

Great Lakes Chemical Corp., a leading producer of speciality chemicals and consumer products has announced that **Terry Magid** has joined the company as vice president of tax. Magid was appointed to the company after serving for almost a decade at Eli Lilly and Company. His most recent post at Lilly was director of corporate taxes.