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DIRECTORATE CHANGES

Hambleton Mining plc ("Hambleton" or the "Group" or the "Company"), the AIM-listed mining and exploration company developing precious metal deposits in Kazakhstan, announces that Baurzhan Yerkeyev, who joined the Company in 2004, has joined the Board as Executive Director. Alzhan Shomaev, who jointly founded the Company and has been a Non-executive Director since flotation in 2004, has stepped down from the Board to pursue his other business interests with immediate effect.

Mr Yerkeyev, aged 41, joined Hambleton initially as Chief Geologist before becoming Project Director and then Executive Director of the mining operating subsidiary TOO Sekisovskoye. In 2006 he was also appointed Executive Director of TOO Altai Kenbai-Itu, the subsidiary formed to own, build and operate the processing plant at Sekisovskoye.

Baurzhan is an experienced geologist, with extensive knowledge of Kazakhstan, the CIS and the Altai Region (where Sekisovskoye is located). He has managed projects for the State Geophysical-Geochemical Expedition and the State Exploration Expedition. Before joining Hambleton, he was a director of CRS, the Company's geological consultants.

Nicholas Bridgen, Chief Executive of Hambleton Mining plc, commented:

"Whilst we are sad to see Alzhan leave - he has been an excellent partner whose advice and counsel will be missed - I am very pleased that Baurzhan has agreed to join the Board.

"Baurzhan currently heads the Kazakhstan operations and it is only appropriate that he joins the main Board of the Company. Since joining us in 2004 his experience has proven invaluable, his management of the project has been excellent and he has become a key member of the team. He is experienced in working with the various State bodies responsible for approving the company's development plans, and has worked with many western and local companies.

"Finally, the Board would like to thank Alzhan for his outstanding contribution to the development of Hambleton Mining."

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Note to Editors

Hambledon Mining plc is an AIM-listed gold mining and exploration company which is developing the Sekisovskoye gold deposit and owns the Ognevka processing plant, both of which are close to Ust Kamenogorsk in East Kazakhstan.

At Sekisovskoye, the company is mining from an open pit and constructing an 850,000 tonnes per year treatment plant. Production from the open pit will average over 40,000 ounces per annum, rising to around 100,000 ounces when the higher grade underground ore is added to the feed. The Company also holds the rights to and is exploring the adjacent Tserkovka licence territory which includes several areas of interest including the Tserkovka deposit itself.

The Ognevka processing plant is being refurbished and will produce concentrates containing gold, silver, copper, iron and coke from the retreatment of zinc smelter residues.

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