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**Alba Mineral Resources plc
("Alba" or the "Company")**

Directorate Appointments

Alba Mineral Resources plc announces the appointments of Michael Nott as Executive Group Managing Director and Dr. C. Jay Hodgson as a Non-Executive Director to the Board with effect from 1 September 2006.

Michael Charles Nott, age 57, brings 36 years of experience in mineral exploration and mining to the Managing Director's role. Mr. Nott began his career as an exploration and mining geologist, moving into the management of aggregate quarrying operations and then to senior roles in the aggregate and industrial mineral sector. Mr. Nott is currently CEO of Magyar Mining Plc and previous positions have included periods with ARC Southern Ltd, Hills Aggregates Ltd, as Director and General Manager, and Roan Consolidated Mines Ltd, as Exploration and Senior Mining Geologist.

Dr. Charles Jay Hodgson, age 70, is a research and exploration geologist with over 40 years experience in base metal and precious metals exploration. Between 1996 and 2006, Dr. Hodgson was Chief Geologist at Barrick Gold Corporation where he was involved in the design and execution of Barrick's worldwide exploration programmes and maintaining Barrick's technical edge in the gold exploration business. He is a graduate of McGill University, Canada, and gained a Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Hodgson was Professor of Economic Geology at Queen's University, Canada, from 1973 to 1996.

With the appointment of Mr. Nott as Managing Director, Mr. Wilson Robb, currently acting Managing Director, will revert to his position of Group Exploration Director.

Save as disclosed below, there are no further details required to be disclosed pursuant to schedule 2 (g) of the AIM rules.

Michael Charles Nott

Current directorships

Magyar Mining Plc
Red Rock Plc
Kennet Valley Arts Trust

Past directorships

Star Employment Agency Ltd

Charles Jay Hodgson

Current directorships

Murgor Resources Inc.
Canadian Shield Resources Inc.

Commenting on the appointments, Alba's Chairman Lance O'Neill said: "I believe the appointments of both Mike Nott and Dr. Hodgson to the Board of Alba bring important additions to the Group's management and advisory structures that will be shown to benefit our Company. Mike Nott has a strong track record of team building and driving business growth and we look forward to utilising his skills in raising our industry profile, expanding our exploration portfolio and creating new business opportunities. Dr. Hodgson is a well respected figure within industry and academic circles and we are very pleased to have a scientist of such calibre and global experience available to advise the Board on technical and exploration matters."

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Notes to Editors

Alba Mineral Resources PLC is a junior explorer with a diversified commodity portfolio, primarily nickel, gold, copper, cobalt and platinum group metals, focussed on the Appalachian-Caledonide trend, a zone extending from the eastern seaboard of North America to Scandinavia. Alba currently has interests in a number of well-researched properties in Scotland and Ireland owned in its own right or in conjunction with other parties.