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## Trek Appoints Prominent Mining Executives Tony Leibowitz and Neil Biddle to the Board

*Highly experienced executives and Pilbara Minerals founders to join Trek as the Company prepares to embark on its maiden Pilbara gold exploration program*

Trek Metals Limited (ASX: **TKM**) (“**Trek**” or the “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has appointed prominent Australian mining executives **Mr Neil Biddle** and **Mr Tony Leibowitz** to its board. Mr Leibowitz will assume the role of Non-Executive Chairman while Mr Biddle has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director.

The appointment of the well-known business and mining executives, both of whom have a strong track record of value creation in the junior and mid-tier mining sectors, comes as Trek completes its strategic repositioning as an Australian gold company.

Trek recently completed the acquisition of an extensive and highly prospective gold exploration portfolio in the Pilbara region of WA, currently one of Australia’s most active gold exploration districts, and is about to commence its maiden exploration programs.

Mr Leibowitz has over 30 years of corporate finance, investment banking and broad commercial experience and has a proven track record of providing the necessary skills and guidance to assist companies to grow and generate sustained shareholder value.

Previous roles include with Chandler Macleod Limited and Australian lithium producer Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS), where as Chairman and an early investor in both companies, he was responsible for substantial increases in shareholder value and returns. Mr Leibowitz is also Chairman of emerging gold company Bardoc Gold Limited (ASX: BDC). He was previously a global partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Mr Biddle is a highly experienced geologist and Corporate Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. He has over 30 years of professional and management experience in the exploration and mining industry and was a founding Director of Pilbara Minerals Limited (ASX: PLS), serving as Executive Director from May 2013 to August 2016. Throughout his career, Mr Biddle has served on the boards of several ASX-listed companies, including as Managing Director of TNG Ltd from 1998-2007, Border Gold NL from 1994-1998 and Consolidated Victorian Mines from 1991-1994. Mr Biddle is a Non-Executive director of Bardoc Gold Limited (ASX: BDC).

Concurrent with the appointment of Mr Leibowitz and Mr Biddle to the board, Mr Greg Bittar and Mr Michael Bowen have stepped down from the board. The Company would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Bittar and Mr Bowen for their contribution and periods of service to the Company.

**Commenting on the appointments, Trek Director John Young said:**

*"I am very pleased to welcome Tony and Neil to the board, both of whom I have known and worked with for many years. Tony, Neil and I were the founding directors of Pilbara Minerals and worked closely together over a number of years in the acquisition and subsequent exploration and development of the world-class Pilgangoora lithium-tantalum project – taking that company from a relatively unknown micro-cap to a substantial mid-tier miner.*

*"Tony and Neil bring a vast contact network, a deep understanding of the dynamics of the junior and mid-tier exploration and mining sector and strong business and commercial acumen. They are an invaluable addition to the Board.*

*"On behalf of all Trek shareholders, I would also like to acknowledge and thank Greg Bittar and Michael Bowen for their work as Directors and look forward to their continued participation as shareholders of the Company.*

*"With the acquisition of our Pilbara gold portfolio now complete, a refreshed and reinvigorated board in place and exploration programs about to begin, Trek is extremely well placed to generate value for our shareholders."*

Authorised by John Young.

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