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Persistence pays for varied career

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I love the way the resources industry creates value. Finding a resource and developing a resource is very challenging.

You need determination, to be persistent and to never give up. It's worth it because when you succeed you create a valuable asset - one that directly creates jobs for real people and contributes to economic growth.

I completed a combined degree in economics and law at the University of Sydney. I enjoyed the business courses in the economics degree and did quite well, but I chose to pursue a career in law and joined Allen, Allen & Hensley in Sydney. I worked on some terrific transactions at Allens and was trained to the highest professional standards.

I was keen to be closer to the business side of law and joined an investment bank - the Australian office of Dresdner Bank - to head up its legal team.

Dresdner was a major financier to the resources sector and operated one of the largest treasury businesses in precious metals.

We did deals for a wide range of companies - from small juniors just starting out to big multinationals - and worked with some very interesting characters in the industry. At Dresdner Bank, I progressed

from the head of the legal team to Chief Operating Officer and Country Head for Australia. It's very different being a member of a team and being the leader.

I learned a lot about management as the head of Dresdner Bank. It took my decision-making skills to another level. The experience has been invaluable for my current role.

I established St George Mining after the GFC to take advantage of opportunities in the Australian mining sector. I am Executive Chairman of the company.

We put together a dominant tenement package in an under-explored area of the North Eastern Goldfields. Our work, as well as work completed by BHP Billiton Nickel West, has now confirmed the ground as highly prospective for nickel sulphides.

The area has the potential to be a new nickel field. The ground is largely under cover so the exploration work is not easy. We need to be clever about what we do. So far we are ticking all the boxes in our exploration model. It will be very satisfying when we have our breakthrough discovery.

At the moment I am engrossed with St George Mining. Our achievement in putting together an exploration project that has

attracted the attention of the largest mining company in the world is a highlight.

Working with some of the best technical people in the industry has also been a highlight.

Our big challenge is to now deliver on the potential for a nickel discovery of global significance. Not everything goes to plan with exploration and we need to adjust as developments unfold.

We believe that we are very well positioned for success, but nothing is easy.

One of the biggest lessons I have learnt in my career is to deal with adversity and to carry on. Whether it's something like the GFC or something specific to your business, you will inevitably face some adversity that will challenge your resolve.

You need to stay focused, make adjustments if required and persevere. It's a lesson that is absolutely essential in the resources industry.

Humility and hard work sum up my philosophy towards my career. I am sometimes called a quiet achiever.

There is a famous quote by David Packard, co-founder of Hewlett-Packard: "You shouldn't gloat about anything you've done; you ought

to keep going and find something better to do."

St George Mining is an ASX-listed nickel and gold explorer with a goal of creating shareholder value through successful exploration of under-explored mineral properties that are prospective for the discovery of world-class deposits. The company's flagship East Laverton Property in Western Australia covers 2000sq km and comprises multiple greenstone belts.

John's track record

- 2009-present: St George Mining, Executive Chairman
- 1994-2008: Dresdner Bank AG, various roles, including Country Head - Australia, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel

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The Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) has appointed Paul Fennelly as Chief Operating Officer -

Eastern Australia. Mr Fennelly will work closely with his colleagues to lead the natural gas industry's advocacy throughout New South Wales, Victoria and Queensland. Mr Fennelly has had an extensive career in business and in government, including as Executive Director Australian Industry Group for Queensland and subsequently Victoria. He has also worked in the Queensland Government as Coordinator General and Director-General for the Department of State Development, Innovation and Trade.

Most recently, Mr Fennelly was Director New Infrastructure Investment with Hastings Funds Management. APPEA Chief Executive David Byers said Mr Fennelly brought a contemporary understanding of economic and political issues and a sound understanding of the challenges associated with developing and financing major infrastructure projects. "I am pleased to have someone of Paul's calibre and experience joining the APPEA team," Mr Byers said.



Colin (Cobb) Johnstone has been appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Evolution Mining. Mr Johnstone was formerly Vice-

President of Operations and Chief Operating Officer at Equinox Minerals, prior to the acquisition by Barrick Gold Corporation. Prior to that role, he was Chief Operating Officer of Sino Gold Mining.

Mr Johnstone is an experienced mining engineer with a career spanning more than 30 years. He has served as General Manager at some of Australia's largest mines including the Kalgoorlie Super Pit in Western Australia, the Olympic Dam Mine in South Australia and the Northparkes Mine in New South Wales. Evolution Mining Executive Chairman Jake Klein said: "I am pleased that Cobb has accepted our invitation to join the Board of Evolution. I have very high respect for Cobb, having had a successful and enjoyable working relationship with him at Sino Gold and look forward to re-establishing that relationship and working with him at Evolution."



WHL Energy has appointed David Rowbottom as its Managing Director. Previously a Managing Director at Exoma Energy and a Chief

Executive Officer at WHL Energy, Mr Rowbottom has almost 30 years' experience in various senior roles including General Manager, Chief Financial Officer, Financial Controller and Company Secretary.

He has held senior positions with a number of companies including Antares Energy, Alinta Group and the BHP Group. Mr Rowbottom has been involved at senior management level during the transformation of the company from a renewable energy project proponent into an expanding oil and gas company with high value assets in Australia and the Seychelles. He has played a key role in the recent conclusion of the Farm-Out Agreement with AWE and Tap Oil Seismic Option, being the first major step forward on the path to commercialisation of the La Bella gas and condensate field off the south east coast of Australia. "I am very pleased to have been offered this role with the company and look forward to building on the past three years," Mr Rowbottom said.