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APPOINTMENT OF NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Scotland focussed gold company Scotgold Resources Limited (ASX: SGZ) has appointed Mr. John Bentley as non-executive chairman, effective 17 February 2009.

John Bentley has more than 37 years of experience in international natural resource corporations.

A British citizen and resident in London, John has a wealth of experience in the resources industry, specifically in building and developing exploration and production companies.

Chris Sangster, managing director and CEO of Scotgold is delighted that John has agreed to join the board.

"We are pleased by John's decision to join the board, which is directly related to the results of the recent successful Cononish Scoping Study. We believe that his experience in the gold mining industry, along with his experience in corporate transactions and financing, will contribute significantly to the next stage of the company's development".

In 1993 John was appointed CEO for exploration and production at Engen Ltd, a South African oil company. In 1996 he was instrumental in the formation of Energy Africa Ltd and its subsequent listing on the Johannesburg and Luxembourg stock exchanges. Over the next five years as the company's CEO, John led Energy Africa to become a leading independent upstream company with a fourfold increase in production, operations in 12 African countries and several important hydrocarbon resource discoveries.

John's earlier career was spent in a number of senior management roles at Gencor Ltd, the South African mining group. From 1988 to 1992 he was managing director of Sao Bento Mineracao SA, Gencor's Brazilian gold mining affiliate. He has also served as a non executive director of Adastra Minerals Inc. More recently, Mr. Bentley served as executive chairman of FirstAfrica Oil plc until its acquisition by BowLeven plc in early 2007.

He is currently on the board of a number of resource companies including Rift Oil and Faroe Petroleum. John holds a degree in Metallurgy from Brunel University, London.

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