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## **Vital Metals Chooses New CEO**

**Vital Metals Ltd (ASX Code: VML)** has appointed Dr Howard William Carr as Chief Executive Officer effective as from December 2009.

Dr Carr is 44 years old and holds a PhD in Economic Geology from the University of WA, a Graduate Diploma in Management and is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists, the Geological Society of Australia, the Society of Economic Geologists and the Licensing Executives Society of Australia and New Zealand.

The Directors of Vital Metals believe Dr Carr's wide variety of innovative experience and his strong background in economic geology will provide an excellent basis to move the Company forward in progressing Vital's large and advanced tungsten projects at Watershed (Queensland) and Mt Mulgine (WA) and in assessing new opportunities for Vital in the near future.

Howard will commence with Vital in December and will be allotted two million options to acquire shares in the Company at 20 cents per share under the Employees Share Option Plan.

The Chairman of Vital Metals, Bill Ryan said "I am really looking forward to Howard Carr's stewardship of Vital. He will be an ideal person to exploit the real value of our high quality tungsten plays and to expand the Company's horizons into new areas in the near future."

### **Background – Dr Howard Carr**

Howard Carr was formerly the Managing Director of unlisted venture capital company, Agaton Phosphate Pty Ltd, which located large-scale, but low-grade phosphate mineralisation in the northern WA wheat belt and developed a new, innovative process for its beneficiation (for which an Australian Patent has been applied). He was the Investment Manager for Murdoch Westscheme Enterprise Partnership in Perth, a \$12.5m venture capital technology Fund, which spun out 5 start-up companies in biotechnology, environmental biotechnology and human tissue regeneration and the like.

Prior to the above, Howard was the Innovation Manager for the WA Department of Agriculture, the Chief Operating Officer of The GIS Laboratory in Perth and an Analyst for Geo-Info Research providing specialised geological advice to all parties on mineral exploration in various parts of the world, with particular emphasis on gold and silver in China.

For 15 months in 1996/97 Dr Carr was Exploration Manager for a Canadian mineral exploration company, Princess Resources Ltd, seeking gold in Hunan Province in China including 18 months living at site in the early days of China's expansion. This included setting up the first integrated geophysics, drilling, assaying and computer modelling operation in southern China with over 15,000 metres of drilling completed.

Howard has also acted as Guest Lecturer at UWA (1999 – 2003) giving specialised courses in Planning, Preparing & Promoting Mineral Exploration and in Platinum Group Element and

Chromium Deposits: Formation and Exploration. He completed a PhD in 1995 on “The Petrogenesis of Merensky Reef Potholes, Western Platinum Mine, Bushveld Complex, South Africa.”

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