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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

SWICK APPOINTS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (AUSTRALIA)

Specialist mineral drilling services company, Swick Mining Services (ASX:SWK) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Brian Praetz as Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Swick Mining Services' Australian operations.

Mr Praetz is an experienced manager of industrial businesses, having managed and led a number of large industrially based service businesses including Cockburn Hire, BGC Blockpave, Industrial Galvanizers and Boom Logistics.



His appointment to the newly-created COO position is further reflection of the growth of Swick's operation as it significantly expands its drill rig fleet to leverage off the ongoing strength in the minerals and resources sector.

In his most recent role as Chief Operating Officer of ASX-listed Boom Logistics, Mr Praetz managed 1,400 personnel, a fleet of 560 cranes and associated trucks and vehicles, and was directly responsible for the servicing and support of a number of major blue chip companies including BHP Billiton, Alcoa, Rio Tinto and BP.

The various management roles held by Mr Praetz provide him with invaluable experience in employee management and remuneration, fleet management and maintenance and client relations, all of which will be critical components of his role with Swick Mining Services.

Managing Director Kent Swick said "Brian is an experienced, hands-on and extremely competent manager, but most importantly he has great enthusiasm and energy. This is a significant appointment for Swick going forward, as it will free up my time to better focus on the growth of Swick Mining Services both within Australia and overseas as we expand into new markets."

The appointment of Mr Praetz is considered by the Company to be a major plank in its platform for growth and ultimately to being recognised as one of world's leading drilling contractors.

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