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AUSDRILL AWARDED CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Ausdrill Limited (ASX: ASL) is pleased to announce the award of contract extensions in both Australia and Africa.

AUSTRALIA

Ausdrill's Australian drill and blast division has successfully negotiated a contract extension with thermal coal producer Ensham Resources for a further term of three years, worth approximately \$36 million. The contract is for the provision of drill services at the Ensham coal mine in the Bowen Basin, Queensland.

Ausdrill will utilize four blast hole drills and one exploration drill, along with 35 personnel at this site, to drill in the order of 110,000 metres per month.

AFRICA

African Mining Services has, for the sixth consecutive year, successfully renegotiated the exploration drilling contract at the Ahafo Gold Mine in Ghana, owned and operated by Newmont. The contract will generate revenue of approximately USD\$8 million over a period of 12 months. This extends African Mining Services' relationship with Newmont at the Ahafo Gold Mine where African Underground Mining Services (a 50/50 joint venture between Ausdrill Limited and Barmenco Limited) is also carrying out work at the Subika underground project.

Ausdrill's Managing Director, Ron Sayers, said: "It is pleasing to see the renewals of contracts where Ausdrill has had long term relationships with our clients. From day one we have built this business on the basis of developing strong, lasting relationships with our clients. We have a number of major contracts that are due for renewal in the next six months and we anticipate we will secure these."

About Ausdrill

Ausdrill (ASX: ASL) is a diversified mining services company. Since its formation in Kalgoorlie in 1987, Ausdrill has grown significantly and now has operations across Australia, Africa and the United Kingdom. Ausdrill is a leader in providing services in contract mining, grade control, drill & blast, exploration, mineral analysis, procurement & logistics and manufacturing. The Ausdrill Group employs over 5,000 staff worldwide.

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