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## **CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS 2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

2011 has been a challenging year for the Company with continued market volatility, however the Board worked assiduously to direct the Company during this time advancing the key exploration projects but at the same time balancing the monitoring of the financials and budget requirements so as to ensure the Company's longevity.

The exploration team also continued to work diligently to deliver a tenement portfolio with a focussed exploration strategy. In particular the Company's primary focus on gold particularly at the Mt Jewell Gold Project has delivered a platform to significantly grow the number of opportunities available.

The Mt Jewell Gold Project is now firmly established as the Company's headline project and the highlight of the year was without a doubt the announcement in August of the Company's maiden mineral resource estimate of approximately 186,000 ounces, which is a major achievement in the Company's history.

The Company is committed to its gold exploration strategy and has commenced detailed exploration on its second key gold project: The Juglah Dome Gold Project as announced yesterday to ASX.

Despite the ongoing challenging market conditions Pioneer has recently successfully raised \$1.5 million by way of a share placement. As you are aware Pioneer's share purchase plan offers shares to Shareholders on the same terms as those under the placement. It is due to close tomorrow and has been very well received by shareholders.

Such capital raising initiatives will enable the Company to be well funded and have a clear focus on exploration for the year ahead.

The key for junior explorers such as Pioneer in the current market conditions will be to remain focussed to actively pursue its key projects as well as developing partnerships with other well regarded mining companies. This will ensure the level of exploration momentum is maintained and the Company's funds are soundly managed to optimise the exploration spend. This focus will secure the Company's growth strategy irrespective of the market's stability and strength.

We see today's economic climate as both a challenge and an opportunity and we are confident in our strategy and the long term fundamentals underpinning our projects.

I do not like to single out any particular stakeholder but I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Fat Prophets who completed the Company's recent placement and have continued to provide quality research and on market support.

I would also like to thank David Crook for his hard work and commitment during a very challenging period. On behalf of shareholders we thank David in particular for his relentless commitment and drive and anticipation for further exploration success. David has led his exploration team to ensure all opportunities are actively pursued. I would also like to specifically thank Allan and Wayne for their



technical input, contribution and views collaboratively shared throughout the year, Julie for her commercial input and Melinda for her continuing administration management.

The Board remains confident in the potential of the Company's project portfolio and rest assured that the board and management team are doing everything in our power to deliver increased value for all stakeholders.