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Firestone Diamonds plc, the AIM-quoted diamond development company, today announces that Tim Wilkes, Executive Director, will step down from the Board, on 15 February 2014, to pursue other business interests. His departure follows the successful leadership transition between himself and Stuart Brown, who was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Firestone on 1 December 2013. Mr Wilkes will be available to advise Firestone on an *ad hoc* consultancy basis.

**Lucio Genovese, Non-Executive Chairman of Firestone, commented:**

"Having served over nine years with Firestone at the senior management level, which culminated in the appointment as CEO in March 2011, Tim is now moving on to pursue other business interests. On behalf of the Board and everyone at Firestone, I extend our sincere thanks to him for his relentless hard work and dedication to the Company. Tim played a pivotal part in Firestone's acquisition of Lihobong, and has been instrumental in advancing the flagship asset to where it is today. We wish him all the very best in his future endeavours."

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**Background information on Firestone**

Firestone is an international diamond development company with operations focused on Lesotho and Botswana. Firestone is currently

in the process of developing the Main Treatment Plant at the Liqhobong Mine in Lesotho to become a plus-one million carat per annum producer.

Lesotho is emerging as one of Africa's significant new diamond producers, and hosts Gem Diamonds' Letseng Mine, Firestone's Liqhobong Mine, as well as the Kao Mine and Mothae development projects.

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