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## PROJECT PEOPLE

Richard Johnson has been appointed CEO of Allied Gold. Johnson graduated in Mining Engineering from Imperial College of Science and Technology, Royal School of Mines in 1972. He also received a postgraduate GDE in Mining from Wits University and is a Fellow of the AusIMM. Johnson held various production management positions in **Johannesburg Consolidated Investment** (JCI) at its gold and platinum mines between 1973 and 1979. Whilst with JCI, Richard also worked in the group's Finance Division responsible for financial modelling and valuation of new capital projects.

From 1980 to 1989, he was an executive director of Golden Dumps, which managed several listed gold mines in South Africa, including South Roodepoort Main Reef Areas and Consolidated Modderfontein Mines. He then established himself as a mineral industry consultant in Brisbane, Queensland servicing listed Australian companies with assets both in Australia and internationally. He joined DRDGold at the beginning of 2002 with a specific brief to look at growth projects. This led to being responsible for growth in the Australasian region and also the management of Tolukuma gold mine in Papua New Guinea on a full time basis. Following this he was appointed as DRDGold Divisional Director Australasia and a Director of Emperor Mines. He was closely associated with the successful reversal of DRDGold's PNG assets into Emperor to create a mid-tier Australian growth vehicle in the gold sector.

The Board of Allied Gold Limited believes Johnson's long association with mining projects in Papua New Guinea and his knowledge of the Simberi project, having reviewed it in his prior positions, will bring considerable value to the company. He is well regarded in PNG mining circles and has formed excellent relationships with government and the broader community including landowner groups. Johnson will initially work closely with the current Executive Chairman, Mark Caruso to ensure a smooth transition, following which it is expected that Caruso will assume the position as Non-Executive Chairman of the company. [www.alliedgold.com.au](http://www.alliedgold.com.au)