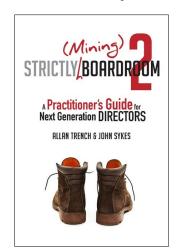
STRICTLY (MINING) BOARDROOM II

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It has been more than three years since the publication of the companion book to this one, *Strictly (Mining) Boardroom – Management Insights from Inside the Resources Sector*. Those three years have proven very difficult for the resources industry in general and especially for the smaller exploration companies within the sector that have struggled to maintain meaningful activity in the face of dwindling investor support.

Despite excessive pessimism prevailing currently across the sector, author Allan Trench remarks:

"There is perhaps no better time to release this book as a form of call-to-arms to the entire resources sector at both an individual and collective level to 'lift our game'."

He goes on to explain that the challenges from lower commodity prices only serve to amplify both the need and opportunity for improvement as an industry.

The aim of this second volume of *Strictly (Mining) Boardroom* is revealed in the subtitle: it is intended as a "Practitioners Guide to Next Generation Directors". In his foreword to the book, Mark Barnaba, writes:

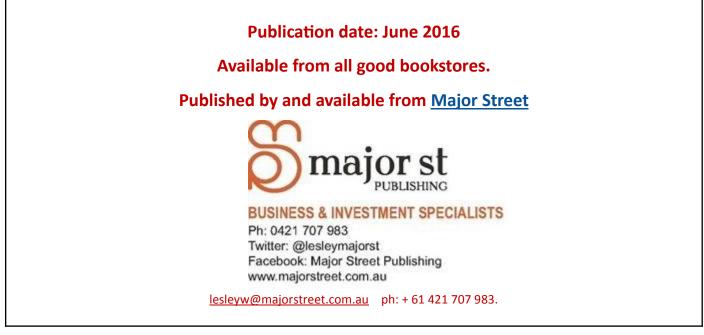
"From the best practices in the boardroom right through to the frontline in the workforce, this book has the potential to act as a catalyst towards finding better ways of doing things. If it causes you to pause and think about doing something differently, it has already succeeded in its aim".

Strictly (Mining) Boardroom is neither a technical nor an academic book. It reflects a collection of experiences derived from interactions with senior decision-makers while aiming to improve the strategy and effectiveness of specifically the minerals sector organisations but more broadly across any industry looking to 'lift its game'.

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Highly recommended to aspiring board members, those seeking to improve their emotional intelligence in a board setting, and anyone seeking an entertaining read.

Jessica Volich, Resources Sustainability Specialist Strictly (Mining) Boardroom is a delight and is the Practitioner's Guide for Next Generation Directors. With lots of truth and advice for everyone. Do not read this publication as a text book because although it is insightful, it is also a great read with a perfect balance of practical and progressive scenarios laced with humour.

Libby Gatti, MBA Graduate Focusing on the issues prevalent in the mining industry, ranging from the obvious to the ignored. It will serve as an essential guide for everyone, from the next generation of mining executives, to technical leaders and anyone interested in mining and mineral exploration strategy. There are likely other such resources, but this will eclipse them due to the simple, practical and entertaining presentation of its insights.

Ahmad Saleem, Exploration geologist.

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