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Crusader enhances Brazilian team with key appointments.

Crusader Resources Limited (ASX: CAS) has appointed Mr Mike Schmulian as the company's Chief Operating Officer and Mr Aidan Platel as Exploration Manager in Brazil.

Mr Schmulian has had a long and successful international career in exploration and mining with significant management roles at WMC, AngloGold Ashanti and more recently the ASX listed, Mundo Minerals. Mr Schmulian is a Fellow of the AusIMM and was on the executive council of ADIMB (the Brazilian mining industry body). Mr Schmulian will be responsible for the development and management of the Posse Iron mine in Minas Gerais.

Mr Platel has been based in Brazil for over 6 years with ASX listed Mirabella where he has been integrally involved with the definition and development of the Santa Rita Nickel project. With over 10 years of experience in commodities including gold and base metals as well as time in open pit and underground mines, Mr Platel's primary role will be to manage the aggressive exploration campaign planned for the Borborema gold project.

Managing Director, Rob Smakman said today, "Mike has worked closely with us in the past six months. He has been in Brazil and South America for many years, is fluent in both Portuguese and Spanish and knows the region well. As a known mine builder he makes a great addition to our team as we move from development into mining at Posse.

"Aidan Platel has the perfect credentials for Borborema and our other emerging projects. His particular skills include building and managing a team during the crucial stages of exploration and development."

"I am extremely happy to have both of these guys on the team. In-country experience is crucial for any company operating overseas and these two appointments will be valuable additions to the Crusader team," Mr Smakman said.

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