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New director to enhance board diversity and experience

- Experienced company director, Ms Kara Keys appointed as Non-Executive Director
- Appointment demonstrates Diatreme's commitment to gender equality and economic empowerment of communities and other stakeholders of its Far North Qld silica projects

Emerging silica sands developer and explorer, Diatreme Resources Limited (ASX:DRX) has appointed experienced company director, Ms Kara Keys as a Non-Executive Director, assisting Diatreme in its continued focus on the economic empowerment of the regional communities encompassing its Far North Queensland high purity silica sand projects.

Ms Keys has a strong board and financial background. Her financial experience includes previous roles as a trustee director at Cbus Super (Est. \$54Bn under management), energy provider Powerlink and asset manager United Super Asset Management and as a director of the Australian Institute of Superannuation Trustees.

Her advocacy work includes having served as chair of peak women's organisation Women in Super, an NPO dedicated to improving women's retirement outcomes, together with being a director and principal consultant of KTL Collective, which works to build coalitions for meaningful change in First Nations communities.

Ms Keys has worked closely with Indigenous communities, including serving for six years as a National Campaign Director and prior to that as the National Indigenous Officer at the Australian Council of Trade Unions.

Welcoming Ms Key's appointment, Diatreme's Chairman, Mr Wayne Swan said: "Kara has a genuine passion for building capacity and working closely with communities to deliver tangible outcomes – a clear focus for Diatreme as we work to deliver the benefits of our silica sand projects in the Hope Vale/Cooktown region.

"Her experience in stakeholder engagement, governance and ESG investment is also highly valuable, with her work in gender equality and justice demonstrating Kara's alignment with our sustainability principles.

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"We are delighted to enhance our Board at this crucial stage as we work to advance our projects towards production, and Kara will help ensure we 'walk the talk' on sustainable development, economic empowerment and equality."

Ms Keys commented: "Diatreme's silica sand projects have an important role to play in the supply of minerals to the renewables manufacturing industry globally, particularly as the silica mined in this region meets the premium specifications required for solar PV applications.

"I am delighted to join the Company at this stage of its development as it continues to closely work with local communities affected by its projects, ensuring a lasting positive economic and social impact as the Company transitions to mining."

Ms Keys' appointment is effective 19 July 2023.

This announcement was authorised for release by:

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About Diatreme Resources

Diatreme Resources (ASX: DRX) is an emerging Australian producer of mineral and silica sands based in Brisbane. Our key projects comprise the Northern Silica Project and Galalar Silica Sand Project in Far North Queensland, located



next to the world's biggest silica sand mine at Cape Flattery. In Western Australia's Eucla Basin, Diatreme's 'shovelready' Cyclone Zircon Project is considered one of a handful of major zircon-rich discoveries of the past decade.

Diatreme has an experienced Board and management, with expertise across all stages of project exploration, mine development and project financing together with strong community engagement skills.

Global material solutions group Sibelco are Diatreme's development partner on its silica projects portfolio in Nth Qld. Sibelco completed in December 2022 its first tranche investment (\$11m) holding a 9.99% interest, with a second investment tranche due by December 2023 (\$24m) taking their total project interest to 26.8% at completion.

Diatreme's silica sand resources will contribute to global decarbonisation by providing the necessary high-grade silica for use in the solar PV industry. The Company has a strong focus on ESG, working closely with Traditional Owners, local communities, and all other key stakeholders to ensure the long-term sustainability of our operations, including health, safety and environmental stewardship.

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