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## SOUTH32 ANNOUNCES CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

South32 Chief Executive Officer, Graham Kerr, today announced the appointment of Vanessa Torres to the position of Chief Technology Officer at South32.

Vanessa joins South32 from BHP, where she has worked for more than 10 years in strategy and operations, most recently in the role of Vice President, Operational Infrastructure at BHP Iron Ore. Prior to BHP, Vanessa worked at Vale where she held technology and senior leadership roles in business development and projects. Vanessa has more than 25 years' experience working within the mining and metals sector in a range of operational, project and corporate roles in Brazil, Canada and Australia.

Throughout her career, Vanessa has been at the forefront of technological improvements in mining and minerals processing and is a recognised leader and early adopter of technological advancements that enabled significant value creation. Vanessa is a champion of inclusion and diversity and has been recognised as one of the 10 most inspirational women in mining on a global platform.

South32 Chief Executive Officer, Graham Kerr said: "We see technology as a key enabler in driving safety and production improvements at our operations, and Vanessa's knowledge and operational experience position her well to lead us into this next phase of performance improvement."

Vanessa's start date is to be confirmed.

## **Ends**

## **About South32**

South32 is a globally diversified metals and mining company with high quality operations in Australia, Southern Africa and South America. Our purpose is to make a difference by developing natural resources, improving people's lives now and for generations to come. We are trusted by our owners and partners to realise the potential of their resources. We have a simple strategy to maximise the potential of our operations and shareholder returns by optimising our existing operations, unlocking their potential and identifying new opportunities to compete for capital.

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