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IN REMEMBRANCE OF INKY CORNELIUS, A MINING MAN TO HIS FINGER TIPS, WHO DIED ON TUESDAY

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Heaven may be a slightly brighter place now that Inky Cornelius has arrived, but there will be sadness in Australia's mining sector, as he was someone who stood out from the norm.

My personal memories of him go back over many years and it is hard to think that he might now be stripped of his usual encumbrances – a glass of good red wine and a pretty lady.

It almost seems like the end of an era, as there are so few of the real characters left in the junior mining sector, but having said that, no one should think that Inky did anything other than take his jobs very seriously.

As Ian Chalmers, managing director of **Alkane Resources** points out, Inky's passion for exploration, his integrity and profound sense of honour remain a legacy for the company and for the industry as a whole. Inky had been chairman and director of Alkane from 1986 to 2006 when he relinquished his executive role, but continued as a non-exec.

Under Inky's leadership the company evolved from explorer to miner with the development of the Peak Hill Gold Mine in New South Wales in 1996. He also oversaw the discoveries of the Wyoming and Calomagold deposits at nearby Tomingley, the Toongi zirconia-rare earth deposit near Dubbo, the Galwadgere copper-gold prospect near Wellington, and the Orange District Exploration Joint Venture's McPhillamys gold-copper deposit.

He always believed the Dubbo Zirconia project, with its potential to be a long term supplier to the rapidly expanding zirconium, niobium and rare earth industries would be key to Alkane's long term success.

Farewell old friend, from all your friends in London's mining community.

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