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Shield Mining Limited
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Dear Sirs

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE BY BRAD MCVEIGH TO THE DIRECTORS OF SHIELD MINING LIMITED

As lead auditor of Shield Mining Limited for the year ended 30 June 2009, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been no contraventions of:

- the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and
- any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

This declaration is in respect of Shield Mining Limited and the entities it controlled during the year.

Brad McVeigh
Director

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