

Sydney University Graduation Ceremony, 17th May 2013
The Pro-Chancellor's introduction of Geoff's address

I'd now like to introduce our guest speaker for today, Mr Geoff Loudon, who is Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Nautilus Minerals.

Mr Loudon started his career as a cadet with the NSW Geological Survey and while he was there gained the inspiration and experience through further study and mentor guidance to launch himself on an international career spanning numerous countries over five continents and two career changes.

As a professional he's been a geologist with a strong engineering bent. His keen interest in finance led him to make a career shift to stockbroker's mining analyst where he gained expertise.

From there, Mr Loudon evolved into a financier supporting international mineral exploration. He's now an entrepreneur working with teams of geoscientists and engineers to discover and develop world class deposits and leading edge new mineral development technologies in deep ocean environments.

In 1982 Mr Loudon started a grass-roots exploration company called Niugini Mining which discovered the Lihir gold deposit in Papua New Guinea. The mine developed into one of the world's largest gold deposits. It is inside a still-very hot volcanic caldera and uses geothermal energy to reduce reliance on carbon fuels. He was a founding Director of Lihir Gold which was an ASX-listed top twenty stock before being taken over for about \$10 billion in 2010.

Mr Loudon is Chairman and founding shareholder of Nautilus Minerals, a seafloor copper project in Papua New Guinea, 1600 metres below the sea surface. It will be the world's first remotely-controlled under-sea metal mine, and has a dramatically-reduced carbon footprint while causing minimal seabed disturbance. It will ultimately lead to a new worldwide offshore mining industry to supply metals while minimizing environmental degradation to the planet.

Geoff and his wife Clare are now deeply involved in supporting charities that concentrate on alleviating poverty in countries where he has worked, improving literacy and health amongst women and children and promoting employment opportunities where none exist. Geoff and his wife live in Christchurch New Zealand and travel frequently in pursuit of their interests.

Geoff Loudon, it's a pleasure to invite you to deliver the occasional address today.