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APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR –PAUL RYAN

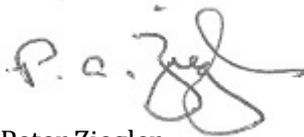
AUSTRALIAN PACIFIC COAL LIMITED (ASX:AQC) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Ryan as a new non-executive director of the Company.

Mr Ryan is a businessman with over twenty years' experience as owner and manager of large scale privately held companies. Paul has been involved in operations management at the Manimbah gold mine, contract mining, and transport and logistics operations.

Paul brings to the Board of AQC an extensive network of professional contacts which, combined with relevant industry experience, will be of significant benefit to AQC as an emerging coal company in Queensland.

Mr Ryan is currently a director of several privately held companies.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Ziegler
Chairman

About Australian Pacific Coal Limited

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX:AQC) is an ASX-listed company focused on the exploration and development of metallurgical and thermal coal projects. With interests in 34 coal tenements strategically located in south-east Queensland's Bowen and Surat Basins, AQC has joint venture agreements in place with mining major Rio Tinto and Cuesta Coal.

