

30 November 2012

MR PETER ZIEGLER APPOINTED CHAIRMAN

MR JOHN BOVARD RETIRES AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIRMAN

AUSTRALIAN PACIFIC COAL LIMITED (ASX:AQC) wishes to announce that Peter Ziegler has replaced Mr John Bovard as Chairman of the Company.

On 29 November 2012 the former Chairman Mr John Bovard retired by rotation in accordance with the clause 18 of the Constitution of the Company. As set out in the Notice of Annual General Meeting Mr Bovard had notified the Company that he did not intend to stand for re-election as a Non-Executive Director of the Company and would retire as of the close of the Company's Annual General Meeting held on 29 November 2012.

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.