

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

Paul Ingram

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

Mr Ingram is a geologist with over thirty five years' experience in mineral exploration and mine development. Paul has been involved in several startup public companies, mostly focussed in the Asian region. He has extensive experience in corporate M&A, and has been focussed on coal projects in Asia and Australia for the past eight years.

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

Mr Ingram is currently a director of Consolidated Global Investments Limited, A-Cap Resources Ltd and Impact Minerals Limited.

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John Bovard
Chairman

Australian Pacific Coal ASX: AQC

Australian Pacific Coal (AQC) is an emerging ASX coal explorer focused on the Bowen Basin, Queensland.

Through a series of acquisitions, AQC has positioned itself with both metallurgical and thermal coal projects potentially suited for underground and open cut mining.

The projects are located close to the existing network of rail and port infrastructure in the Bowen Basin.

The Company ultimately seeks to be a coal miner in its own right, or to value add these projects for joint venture or divestment.