

3 May 2012

Cuesta Coal JV Update

Australian Pacific Coal Limited ("AQC") advises that its joint venture partner in the East Wandoan project, Cuesta Coal Limited ("Cuesta Coal") has announced their admission to the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX) official list.

Full details are set out in the following announcement by Cuesta Coal.

About the East Wandoan Project

Located in south-east Queensland's coal province, Australian Pacific Coal ("AQC") has a joint venture with Cuesta Coal Limited ("Cuesta Coal") through 100% owned subsidiary Blackwood Resources Pty Ltd ("Blackwood"). The joint venture agreement covers four quality exploration permits (EPCs) prospective for shallow thermal coal.

Under the joint venture agreement, AQC has a 10% free carried interest up to the feasibility study stage with Cuesta Coal required to expend at least the minimum exploration commitment with the aim to prove up a coal resource and complete a feasibility study for the project(s).

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About Australian Pacific Coal

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 32 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.



MARKET RELEASE

2 May 2012

Cuesta Coal Limited

ADMISSION TO OFFICIAL LIST

Cuesta Coal Limited was admitted to the Official List of ASX Limited on Wednesday, 2 May 2012.

Official Quotation of the following securities will commence at 11:00 am A.E.S.T. on Friday, 4 May 2012.

141,955,360 ordinary shares each fully paid and issued at \$0.30 per share.

Security Code: CQC

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ASX Circular

Date: 2 May 2012

Key topics

- 1. Cuesta Coal Limited
- 2. ASX Code: CQC
- 3. Quotation Commences: 11.00 am A.E.S.T. on Friday, 4 May 2012.

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CUESTA COAL LIMITED – COMMENCEMENT OF OFFICIAL QUOTATION

Cuesta Coal Limited (the "Company") was admitted to the Official List of ASX Limited on Wednesday, 2 May 2012.

Official quotation of the Company's securities will commence on Friday, 4 May 2012. The Company raised approximately \$20,065,000 under the Company's offer by the issue of 66,883,723 fully paid ordinary shares at an issue price of \$0.30. A further amount of approximately \$4,000,000 was raised from the transfer of 13,333,333 fully paid ordinary shares at a transfer price of \$0.30 pursuant to the Company's replacement prospectus.

Quoted Securities:	141,955,360 fully paid ordinary shares
ASX Code:	CQC
<u>Time:</u>	11:00 am A.E.S.T.
Date:	4 May 2012
ASX Trade Abbreviation:	CUESTACOAL
<u>ISIN:</u>	AU000000CQC1
Home Branch:	Sydney
Industry Classification:	1010 - Energy
Registered Office:	Level 15 31 Market Street Sydney, NSW, 2000 Phone: +61 2 9284 5900 Fax: +61 2 9284 5999
Company Secretary:	Ms Megan McPherson
Share Registry:	Computershare Investor Services Pty Ltd Level 4 60 Carrington Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Balance Date:	30 June

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Participating. The Company will also operate an issuer sponsored subregister.

State of Incorporation:	Victoria
Dividend Policy:	Refer to pages 16, 22, 171 and 174 of the replacement prospectus.
Activities:	Coal exploration and development in Queensland.
ASX Restricted Securities:	35,331,639 fully paid ordinary shares classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 24 months from commencement of official quotation.
	8,935,714 fully paid ordinary shares classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 12 months from the date of issue being 07/10/2012.
	5,400,000 fully paid ordinary shares classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 12 months from the date of issue being 23/04/2013.
	600,000 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.25 each on or before 29/10/2015 classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 12 months from the date of issue being 08/12/2012.
	850,000 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.20 each on or before 31/12/2015 classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 24 months from commencement of official quotation.
	30,682,288 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.25 each on or before 31/12/2015 classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 24 months from commencement of official quotation.
	42,000,000 unquoted performance rights classified by ASX as restricted securities and to be held in escrow for a period of 24 months from commencement of official quotation.
Unrestricted Unquoted Securities:	7,185,718 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.20 each on or before 31/12/2015.
	19,747,616 unquoted options exercisable at \$0.25 each on or before 31/12/2015.

For further information please refer to the Company's replacement prospectus dated 6 March 2012.