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Appointment of Director – Tim Prowse

The Company is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Tim Prowse as a new non-executive director of the Company.

Mr Prowse has thirty years experience in the mining industry, with achievements in project acquisition, mine planning, project development and capital raising. He holds a degree in Mining Engineering (Hons, Sydney), a South African Mine Managers Certificate and is a member of the AusIMM.

Mr Prowse is currently a director of Norton Gold Fields Ltd, one of the largest ASX listed Australian producers. As founding director he played an integral part of the growth of the Norton from a junior explorer to a major gold producer through a number of successful acquisitions, mergers and project developments. Mr Prowse is also a director of HLM Coal Australia, a Queensland based coal explorer of the highly prospective Rocklands coal project near Blackwater.

Australia Pacific Coal's chairman, Mr John Bovard, said "The addition of Tim as a Director adds new and complementary skills to the Board. Mr Prowse's experience in the Queensland coal industry will be of benefit to the company as we advance from an explorer to a miner."

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