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### **Infill Drilling Commences EPC1827 “Cooroorah”**

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (“AQC”) is pleased to advise that it has commenced its Q4 drilling campaign on EPC1827 “Cooroorah”. The Q4 drilling campaign is part of a larger program continuing into 2013, to elevate the resource status of the tenement as a prelude to the grant Mineral Development Licence MDL 453.

The Company has planned a program of partially cored exploration holes to be commenced in Q4 of 2012. The proposed work program will include:

- Drilling of up to 4 partly cored holes to approximately 500m
- Detailed lithology and structure logging
- Sampling of coal seams for coal quality analysis
- Possible sampling of roof and floor material for geotechnical analysis
- Geophysical wireline logging of all holes (minimum - gamma, density, caliper, resistivity, sonic, deviation)
- Hole capping and site rehabilitation
- Re-modelling and review of resource

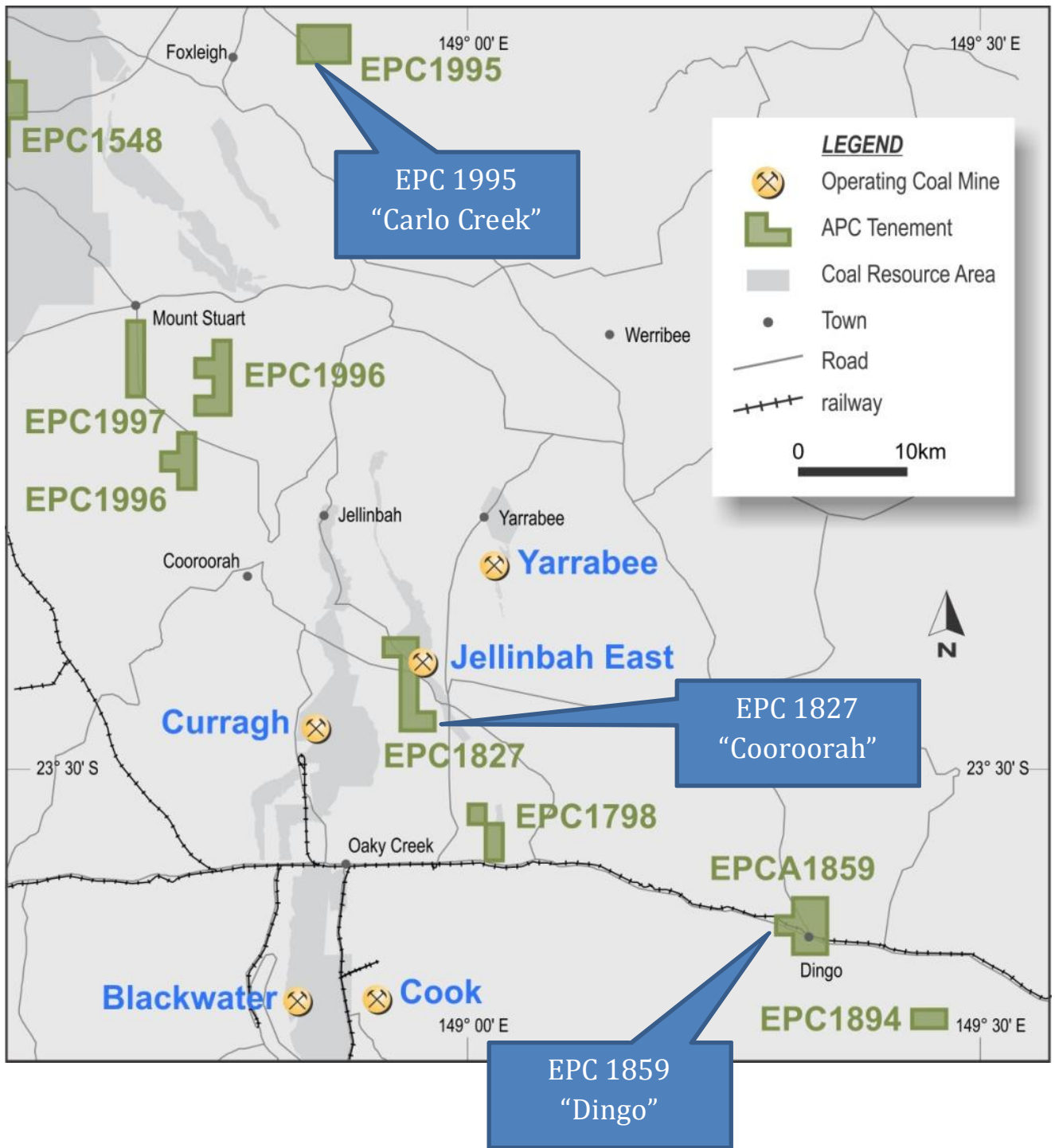
Drilling will commence at site COR007 followed by COR017, COR006 and COR016 (see attached map – Appendix 2). The four proposed holes will be partly cored, including between 200m and 450m of HQ core (option for PQ core to be considered). All holes in EPC1827 target three main seams ranging from 1.6m to 4m thickness. The shallowest seam is predicted to occur from depths of 240m in the south-west to 340m near the eastern boundary of the EPC. The second and third seams are typically 60m and 85m respectively, below the upper seam. Coring will commence approximately 10m above the predicted depth of the target seams and continue to between one and two metres below the seam. The lower seam may be cored from 5-10m above the seam and will take 10m of floor material as a final sump to enable geophysical logging of the lower seam.

The program is estimated to take 2 to 3 weeks to complete subject to drilling conditions. The program may be varied subject to the progressive results obtained.

### ***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.*

**Appendix 1 – Location Map**



Drilling Schedule	2012		2013	
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Cooroorah (EPC1827)				
Carlo Creek (EPC1995)				
Dingo (EPC1859)				



**Appendix 2 – EPC 1827 Drillhole Site Maps (Q4 2012 sites COR006-7, COR016-17)**

