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### **Updated Investor Presentation**

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX: AQC) ("AQC" or the "Company") refers to the investor presentation announced to the ASX on 19 June 2024 which was presented at the 2024 Gold Coast Investment Showcase.

The Company has attached an updated presentation reflecting amendments to slide 9 of the presentation.

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# **Dartbrook Overview**





- Acquisition of Dartbrook Underground Mine: acquired in December 2017 by Australian Pacific Coal
- Strategic Restart Potential: low-cost re-start opportunity leveraging significant preinvestment by Shell and Anglo American
- Prime Location: situated in Hunter Valley, just 90 km from Newcastle export terminals
- Significant Infrastructure in Place: includes the Hunter Tunnel, rail and CHPP with up to 6 Mtpa ROM capacity
  - **Potential Long-Life Asset:** current development consent to December 2027 with strong potential to extend significantly beyond with minimal capex

## **Dartbrook – Premium Coal Asset**



# **Strategic Position in the Hunter Valley**





- 1. AQC will provide a 10% indirect economic interest to M-Resources, effectively reducing AQC's net economic interest in the project to 70%.
- 2. Refer to JORC information on Resources and Reserves in the Disclaimer and on Slide 8.

- AQC has an 80% working interest in the Dartbrook JV and a 70% economic interest<sup>1</sup>
- Long-life asset:
  - JORC compliant Resource: 2.5 Bt<sup>2</sup>
  - ROM Reserves: 470 Mt<sup>2</sup>
  - Marketable Reserves: 370 Mt<sup>2</sup>
  - Infrastructure in place Hunter Tunnel and CHPP
- Excellent proximity to port and rail facilities, and access to labour
- MOD8 development extension to 2033 underway
- Restart targeted mid-2024 with conventional Bord & Pillar mining
- Peak production: ~2.7 Mtpa ROM coal by 2027 (~2.3Mt sales)

# **Investment Highlights**





1. Preparations for MOD8 development extension to 2033 are underway

# **World Class Underground Operations**





- Multi-seam reserve underground seam access already developed to multiple seams
- Coal clearance system through the existing Hunter Tunnel direct to the prep plant (CHPP)

# **Substantial Reserves and Resources**



AQC has had the following technical reports conducted for Dartbrook:

- Coal Reserve Estimate for Dartbrook Project (2018)
- Mining Consultancy Services (2017), Underground Mine Feasibility Study
- Mining Consultancy Services (2017), Dartbrook Kayuga Seam Underground, JORC Reserves Statement, Coal Reserves as at Feb 2017
- JB Mining Services Pty Ltd (2016)

JORC Resource Classification	<b>N</b> /14					
Ore Reserves						
Proven	-					
Probable	370					
Total	370					
Mineral Resources						
Measured	588					
Indicated	850					
Inferred	1,097					
Total	2,534					



The Dartbrook Mine can produce two high energy, low sulphur content (~0.4%) coal products: (i) "Premium" thermal coal (~12% ash) and (ii) "Standard" thermal Coal (~19% ash). Both "Premium" and "Standard" thermal coal are suitable for High Efficiency, Low Emissions power stations.

#### Marketable Reserves Note

The Dartbrook Marketable Coal Reserve of 370Mt is derived from a ROM Coal Reserve of 470 Mt estimated in accordance with the JORC Code with a predicted overall yield of 78%. The 370Mt Marketable Coal Reserve is included in the 2,534 Mt Coal Resource (588Mt Measured, 850 Mt Indicated, 1,097Mt Inferred).

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The information in this presentation relating to Coal Resources for the Dartbrook Project was announced by AQC on 27 June 2017, titled "Dartbrook Kayuga Seam Underground JORC Reserves Statement". The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources or Ore Reserves, that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. The Company confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

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## **Key Operating Metrics for Dartbrook**





Production Sum	imary <sup>1</sup>	Product Coal Quality (As-received basis)	Newcastle Benchmark (NEWC) <sup>3</sup>	Dartbrook Premium Product <sup>4</sup>	Dartbrook Standard Product <sup>4</sup>
ROM Production	Ramp up to ~2.7 Mtpa	Specific Energy (gross, kcal/kg)	6,300	6,100	5,545
Product	NEWC spec coal with potential to produce commercial quantities of semi soft met coal and PCI <sup>1</sup>	Ash (%)	14.0 max	12.0	19.0
Schedule	Targeting underground mining production restart in mid- 2024 and first sales (unwashed) in Q3 CY24	Volatile Matter (%)	27.0 - 35.0	29.5	26.9
Restart capital	US\$60m committed to fund all capex	Total Moisture (%)	15.0 max	11.0	11.0
Forecast Avg FOB costs	Mid US\$80/t <sup>2</sup>	Sulphur (%)0.75 max0.370.333. The NEWC specification is based on a calorific value of 6,000 kcal/kg net as received		0.36 et as received	
Yield	Saleable yield ~75-80+%	(approximately 6,250-6,300 kcal/kg gross as received) and has a minimum calorific value of 5 850 kcal/kg gross as received (approximately 6 100-6 150 kcal/kg gross as received)			um calorific value

1. Sampling and testing for semi soft and PCI potential to take place over next 1-2 months

2. Estimated average FOB operating costs over term to Dec-27. Includes estimates of all fees / royalties, logistics (rail/port), marketing costs and royalties based on NEWC coal prices US\$125/t, and take into account NSW royalty rate increase. of 5,850 kcal/kg net as received (approximately 6,100-6,150 kcal/kg gross as received)
Based on "many working sections present in the deposit" (JORC 2018 report). Refer to JORC information on Resources and Reserves in the Disclaimer and on Slide 8. Currently undergoing thermal quality laboratory testing, concurrent with met coal testing (see note 1), from bulk sample taken in Aug-24 ahead of the imminent offtake marketing program

## **Strategically Positioned for Export Market**



### Dartbrook represents a rare opportunity to access Asian export markets when limited new projects are being sanctioned

- Dartbrook stepping in at the right time limited new supply growth despite higher global prices
- Well positioned to offset decline from larger mines
- Dartbrook is not resource constrained, is fully permitted and ready to go
- High Efficiency Low Emissions (HELE) technology is perfect match for Australian thermal coal
- South-east Asia: a booming market for Australian coal
- Leveraging market opportunities amid Russian sanctions
- Premium coal quality provides Australia with an edge over low CV Indonesian coal



Source: Department of Industry, Science and Resources (2024)





### Australia's Thermal Coal Exports<sup>2</sup>

## **Substantially De-risked Investment**







#### **Hunter Tunnel de-watered**





Strategic Partnership with Vitol Asia

# **Optimised Vision for Dartbrook**



- Targeting mid-2024 first coal
- Cutting coal and optimising underground stowage and conveyor movements
- Produce unwashed coal for sale while CHPP completes refit
- Developing accelerated mine plan to increase production and sales volumes
- Analyse the potential to produce quantities of met coal (semi-soft and PCI)
- Accelerate submission of MOD8 for 6-year extension
- Coordinated approach with Vitol to source working capital to provide enhanced liquidity and flexibility for the project, post first coal



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- Our shareholders and partners

# **Compelling Financial Metrics**



#### **Forecast ROM Production<sup>1</sup>**

### Forecast Sales Volumes and FOB Costs<sup>2</sup>



#### Revenue

- NEWC thermal benchmark product and pricing
- Exploring potential for semi-soft, PCI quality



#### Forecast FOB Cost Breakdown<sup>2</sup>

1. Subject to change with future iterations of the Dartbrook mine plan. Year 4 is full 12mths of production which is subject to Development Consent.

2. US\$/t of sales. AUD/USD of 0.65 assumed for conversion. Assumes sales volumes per chart above. Includes estimates of all marketing fees / royalties (including NSW underground coal royalty increase to 9.80% effective from 1-Jul-24), logistics (rail/port). Coal price of US\$125/t flat assumed for purposes of calculating royalties and lease rental. All figures are in real terms. Subject to change with future iterations of the Dartbrook mine plan.

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# **AQC Corporate Overview**

Shareholder Register<sup>1</sup>

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Trepang & **Brokers &** Other Retail Associates 29.8% 33.4% **Market capitalisation** \$35.9 million<sup>2</sup> Institutional & Strategic 36.8%

1. As at 9 May 2024.

2. As at 17 June 2024.

3. Expiry 5 April 2027 .

#### **Capital Structure**

Share price <sup>2</sup>	\$0.07
Shares on issue <sup>2</sup>	513.0m
Market capitalisation <sup>2</sup>	\$35.9m
Cash (31 March 2024)	\$20.5m
Debt (31 March 2024)	\$35.0m
Options <sup>3</sup>	13.8m @\$0.34

### **AQC Board**

John Robinson Chairman, Non-Executive Director

**Ayten Saridas** Managing Director & CEO

Nick Johansen Non-Executive Director

Jeff Gerard Non-Executive Director

Craig McPherson Company Secretary

# **Coal Remains Key to Energy Transition**



#### AQC events and catalysts

- Revised Mine Plan and acceleration strategy
- Met Coal analysis
- First coal unwashed
- CHPP online and export ready
- MOD 8 extension to 2033



Above: Image captured from low-res security camera, May 2024



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