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Drilling Commences EPC1996 “Churchyard Creek”

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (“AQC”) is pleased to advise that it has commenced drilling on EPC1996 “Churchyard Creek”.

In the initial drilling program six to eight partly cored holes are proposed for drilling in the northern part of EPC1996, including between 160 m and 300 m of HQ /HMLC core. Core drilling targets up to four shallow seams at each site (<150 m depth) within the Fairhill Formation. Each seam ranges from 2m to 14m in thickness. Below Fairhill target seams, two sites will be open hole drilled to below the German Creek Seam, predicted to be between 350m and 380m depth.

The program is estimated to take 2.5 to 4 5 weeks to complete subject to drilling conditions and drilling of low priority sites. The program may be varied subject to the progressive results obtained.

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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.

Appendix 1 – Location Map

