Dartbrook Modification 8 (MOD8)

Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX: AQC) ("AQC" or the "Company") is pleased to advise that it has made a formal submission to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for an extension to the consented operating period at Dartbrook to December 2033 ('MOD8'). The Dartbrook Mine is currently extracting coal from the Kayuga seam with-in its approved ML1497, expiry December 2043.

The MOD8 submission specifically entails the Dartbrook Joint Venture seeking modification (MOD8) to DA 231-07-2000 to extend the current consented operating period of mining by 6 years (i.e. until 5 December 2033). Other than the duration, all other aspects of mining operations will remain consistent with the existing approved DA 231-07-2000 - including mining methods, maximum production rate, disturbance footprint and ancillary activities.

The MOD8 development approval is another important incremental value accretive milestone for the Dartbrook JV and its stakeholders.

The Company will provide an update on the outcomes of the MOD8 submission when available.

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This announcement has been authorised for release to the ASX by the Board of Australian Pacific Coal Limited.

About Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX: AQC) and the Dartbrook Project
Australian Pacific Coal Limited (ASX: AQC) has recently restarted underground mining operations at the Dartbrook Coal Mine. Located in the Hunter Valley, NSW, approximately 4 km west of Aberdeen and 10 km north-west of Muswellbrook, Dartbrook has access to world-class infrastructure, a skilled workforce, and support industries utilised by major mining companies in the region. The Dartbrook mine has previously produced a high-quality high-energy low sulphur export coal product (NEWC spec).

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