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MARKET UPDATE – SOUTH BURNETT COAL PROJECT

- **Key rail transportation route options studies, under review and being refined to 15% order of magnitude with Ranbury Consulting appointed to refine the final route considerations and costs for a definitive Rail option to the North Coast Rail Line.**
- **GHD Engineering appointed to refine option studies and order of magnitude considerations to 15%-20% for Slurry Pipe and also Conveyor options, to provide Coal for load out at the North Coast Rail Line.**
- **Assured Measuring Group (AMG) have commenced baseline air quality and noise monitoring studies for the Environmental Impact Statement.**

Moreton Resources Limited (ASX:MRV) ("Moreton", "the Company") is pleased to provide an update on the significant progress made recently by fully owned subsidiary MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd ("MRV Tarong") in moving the South Burnett thermal coal project in Queensland's Tarong Basin, through the Mining Lease Application (MLA) and Environmental Authority (EA) approval processes.

The Company continues to advance against its gazetted time lines and is on track for its Draft EIS to be complete by end of 2017, ready for comment at the latest early 2018. Once the above contracts of work have been completed which are expected in the next 8-10 weeks, along with the amalgamation of approx. 10 years of ground water monitoring and works. MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd believe this will be one of the most comprehensive EIS applications seen by the relevant Departments or the public given the historic data be it water, wind or other key aspects, that are in abundance at the South Burnett Coal Projects area of influence. Hence the data will be significant for evaluation and extrapolation, of factual impacts and potential influences to the local environment and surrounds.

Further to this, MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd earlier in its public engagement sessions of 2015 and 2016, talked to the quality and intent of our rehabilitation commitment to the community by returning the potential disturbance to equal to or better outcomes than the potential lands as they present today. The Company watches with great interest the reports of the ABC on Landline on the 24th of June 2017, whereby graziers and miners in the Hunter Valley are undertaking post rehabilitation studies which through early results, indicate the rehabilitated lands are producing a better primary production yield in the order of magnitude of 15% outcomes. The Company will therefore continue to stay appraised of these outcomes and advancements based upon rigours and factual studies being undertaken.

This further reinforces the history of the Moreton Resources Limited Groups, significant contribution to rehabilitation and superior outcomes for post mining and extraction activities, which is reinforced by the recent media attention of a local endeavour by the Kingaroy Concerned Citizens Group to capture the natural beauty of our MDL 385.

Whilst MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd is not directly involved, we are delighted by the fact that it is being acknowledged and embraced that MDL 385, which was granted by the Queensland Government for the purposes of UCG trial which was undertaken through experimental technologies in 2010, and was not decommissioned until 2014-2015 by Moreton Resources Limited, through commitments made to the community to remediate and rehabilitate, is now the subject to capturing the beauty of the natural land forms across MDL 385.

This of course is the same land form to which Moreton Resources Limited remediated and rehabilitated from the former resource extraction processes, to which at the time it was acknowledged that there was wide spread concern over what the long-term effects and issues upon the land scape would be. To celebrate through picture's and art, the outcomes of that rehabilitation and the actual impacts to that land from the former trials is a testament to the mining industry and in particular Moreton Resources Limited, for our endeavours and validated outcomes which will be captured in art.



MRV Tarong Basin Coal Rehab of Former UCG Activities

This of course reinforces the factual outcomes of the ability for mining and extractive industries to operate major businesses that contribute significant employment, social infrastructure and economic outcomes to a community such as the South Burnett and Wide Bay, and then remediate to the standards and levels described by this endeavour being undertaken and may other factual examples across Queensland mining industry.

In summary, we are exceptionally pleased with the advancements of MRV Tarong Basin Coal Pty Ltd and the recognition our efforts, that are being receiving through this current endeavour, which will be a major focus of our EIS submission, detailing the factual outcomes and impacts of such a proposed operation and the quantum of positive benefits that will be felt through the community as we continue to advance our project.

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