

ASX Announcement (ASX: NRZ)

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NeuRizer Corporate Update

- **NRZ will not proceed with material acquisition**
- **Visit from Coal India Limited (CIL), the Indian Ministry of Coal and CIL subsidiary Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI)**
- **Stage 1 update – water trigger to apply**

NRZ not to proceed with material acquisition

In early June, NeuRizer Ltd (“NeuRizer”) submitted a draft announcement in relation to a material acquisition to the ASX for its review. Following this, on 14 June, NeuRizer received a Price Query from the ASX due to the change in price from a low of \$0.007 on 11 June 2024 to a high of \$0.017 on 14 June 2024. NeuRizer responded to the Price Query, stating that NeuRizer did not believe that the material acquisition had lost confidentiality and that the share price movement could be explained for other reasons. On 22 April 2024, NRZ issued 75,000,000 Ordinary Shares relating to its agreement with Energy Exploration Capital Partners (see announcements dated 17 December 2021 and 5 September 2022). On 30 April 2024, NRZ issued a further 75,500,000 Ordinary Shares, and on 23 May 2024, NRZ issued a further 248,000,000 ordinary shares in accordance with the same agreement. This large volume of shares was then sold, and it is NRZ’s view that this contributed to a sustained low share price over the period. Since these shares were issued and sold by 27 May 2024, NRZ’s share price steadily increased, with relatively low trading volumes.

Upon review of NeuRizer’s price query response, ASX formed the view that the material acquisition had more than likely lost confidentiality. For this reason, NeuRizer entered into a trading halt and, subsequently, a voluntary suspension to ensure that the market was not trading uninformed.

Throughout this period, NeuRizer has been engaged with the ASX on a number of Listing Rule matters pertaining to the material acquisition. These include the potential application of Listing Rule 10.1 – whether by reason of Listing Rule 10.1.4 or the exercise of ASX’s discretion under Listing Rule 10.1.5 – and Listing Rules 11.1.2 and 11.1.3) which are complex and required detailed consideration by ASX in accordance with its usual processes.

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Due to the need for NeuRizer to come out of voluntary suspension and to continue with business operations, NeuRizer has decided not to pursue the material acquisition. The Company will take advice on whether to recommence negotiations at a later date.

NeuRizer also provides the following updates on general corporate and operational matters.

Coal India Limited (CIL), the Indian Ministry of Coal and CIL subsidiary Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI)

Recent media reports have documented the purpose of a recent visit in May 2024 by a number of senior executives of CIL, CMPDI and the Indian Government's Ministry of Coal to the NeuRizer head office in Adelaide and the NeuRizer Urea Project site at Leigh Creek, in northern South Australia.

All parties are exploring the possibility of implementing UCG in Indian geo-mining conditions.

The status of these discussions have progressed rapidly, with NeuRizer signing a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) and NeuRizer reviewing coal block data for suitable sites. We look forward to updating the market on these developments.

NeuRizer Chairman stated

"It is very positive to see that India has allocated over AUD\$1.5b. for coal gasification and that we are in discussions with CIL, CMDI and the Ministry of Coal. Recently in the Finance Minister's budget speech in February this year he announced that the Indian Government aimed to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal a year by 2030 and specifically included underground gasification."

The delegation from CIL, CMPDI, and the Ministry of Coal was very much focused on developing UCG in India following government support, with all three groups being either the Indian Government or India Government-owned companies.

Discussions with all three parties focused on NeuRizer demonstrating UCG in India (similar to the Pre-Commercial Demonstration at Leigh Creek), as well as applying for several coal blocks in India suitable for UCG, a Joint Venture in commercial UCG projects in India, in particular, Fertiliser and Ammonium Nitrate and a possible strategic partnership with CIL.

About Coal India Limited

Coal India Limited (CIL) is an Indian state-owned coal mining corporation. CIL is owned 66% by the government of India, and 34% are owned as publicly traded shares.

India's recently re-elected Prime Minister, the Honorable Shri Narendra Modi, India's Ministry of Coal and the Board of Directors of CIL have a unified vision to establish coal gasification technology in India through an ambitious and achievable goal of gasifying 100 million tonnes of coal in India by 2030. CIL's wholly-owned subsidiary, CMPDI, is responsible for delivering this vision.



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The Government of India, through the Ministry of Coal and CMPDI, have committed significant funds to this program through a range of initiatives. CIL is a Maharatna company – one of a few state-owned enterprises in India given ‘special’ status by the Government of India to empower them to expand their operations and emerge as global giants. CIL is the world’s largest coal producer, with operations in coking (steel and metallurgical), thermal (power) and beneficiated (industrial) coal and other products. CIL has approximately 240,000 employees.

About CMPDI



Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited

CMPDI (A Mini Ratna Company)

The Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDI) is a Government of India enterprise with its corporate headquarters in Ranchi, India. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL).

CMPDI is CIL’s sole premier consultant in open pit and underground mine planning and design for coal, lignite and other minerals. CMPDI has prepared over 900 mining project reports with individual project capacity up to 25 Mtpa. CMPDI is a leader in mineral exploration, resource evaluation, resource management, mining geology, hydro-geological & geophysical studies, engineering geology investigations, etc. CMPDI holds an eminent position in environmental engineering and has a multi-disciplinary group dedicated to Remote Sensing, GIS, GPS, Digital photogrammetry, LiDAR, UAVs, and Terrestrial and Mine Survey for integrated natural resources survey and management. CMPDI is actively involved in the Indian coal mining sector and attends to the full spectrum of CIL's geo-spatial needs.

About the Ministry of Coal

Representatives of the Ministry of Coal were also part of the delegation encouraging NRZ to bid for coal blocks suitable for UCG in India, and to express the level of support of the government or coal gasification.

The Indian Minister for Coal and Mines stated that “the coal sector is working on the direction of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to gasify 100 million tonnes of coal by 2030. Accordingly, The National Mission for Gasification envisions the adoption of indigenous technologies for the production of chemical products and their derivatives,”. (*Business Standard 24 January 2024*).

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Photos of the delegation in Adelaide and Leigh Creek.

Stage 1 Update

NeuRizer has now been notified of the decision to apply the water trigger as an additional controlling provision and assessment approach for Stage 1 of the NeuRizer Urea Project. This decision has been made under the Nature Repair (Consequential Amendments) Act 2023. The water trigger provisions (sections 24D and 24E) of the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999 that relate to the impacts of unconventional gas developments on water resources are now controlling provisions for the proposed action. There will be no new assessment approach, and the project will continue to be assessed using the environmental impact statement. NeuRizer has been advised that following this decision, a public consultation period on the draft EIS-tailored guidelines for the project will be undertaken in due course, during which NeuRizer will have the opportunity to provide input on its finalisation. This reconfirms the existing position and assessment approach to be taken and allows all parties to move forward in the assessment process.

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The NRZ Board has authorised this announcement for release to the ASX.

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