

# QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Groundhog Anthracite Project:*

#### *Supplementary PFS at Groundhog North Mine Delivers \$1.7Bn Post-tax NPV*

- Supplementary Pre-feasibility Study (SPFS) delivered improved economics for 5.4Mtpa run-of-mine (ROM) underground operation at Groundhog North compared to original PFS
- Mine life increased 138% from 16 years to 38 years
- All-in FOB costs reduced from US\$89/t to US\$86/t on truck-to-port operation
- Capital required to deliver small scale mining reduced 25% from US\$77m to US\$58m
- Maximum capital drawdown before net operational cashflow to deliver full scale mine reduced 25% from US\$229m to US\$171m on owner-operator basis
- Post-tax NPV<sub>10</sub> increased 62% from A\$1,040M to A\$1,685M
- Post-tax IRR increased from 39% to 42%
- Post-tax LOM Free Cash Flow increased 232% from A\$3,360M to A\$11,159M
- Groundhog North to be funded primarily through project equity sell-down (commencing H1 2015), strategic off-take financing, leasing and debt

#### *100% Increase in the JORC Resources at Groundhog North Mine*

- Increase in JORC Anthracite Resources at Groundhog North (SPFS area) from 305Mt to 609Mt
- Includes 156Mt Measured, 193Mt Indicated and 260Mt Inferred Resource



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Issued Shares: 163.5m

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G. D'Anna

#### **Key Projects**

Groundhog  
Peace River  
Naskeena  
Bowron River

Ownership: 100%  
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### **Regional Drilling Success Supports Groundhog Multi-mine Strategy**

- Successful regional drilling campaign completed on the east side of the rail-subgrade within 2km of Groundhog North (SPFS Mine) and within 8km on the southern portion of the Groundhog Coalfield
- Significant anthracite intersections encountered in two potential additional mining domains described as 'Groundhog North-East' and 'Groundhog South'
- Eight regional drill holes averaged net anthracite thickness of 20m supporting Atrum's multi-mine vision for Groundhog with potential Mine II and Mine III target locations already identified
- If developed, Mine II and Mine III would enjoy significant CAPEX and OPEX savings due to shared infrastructure synergies with Groundhog North
- A multi-mine operation provides significant value to all stakeholders, including shareholders, local communities and First Nations members
- Regional drilling confirms potential for significant lateral extension of global resource envelope

### **Consolidation of Coal Licences in the Groundhog Coalfield**

- Atrum acquired the last remaining granted coal licences and coal licence applications in the Groundhog coalfield from Panstone Mines and Minerals Inc and Anglo Pacific PLC
- Acquisitions delivered Atrum an additional 20 granted coal licences and 11 coal licence applications
- The acquisitions represent the complete consolidation of the known anthracite-bearing tenure in the Groundhog and Panorama area which totals 81,616 hectares or approx. 800 sqkm

### **Successful Maiden Ship-loader Trials at the Port of Stewart**

- First anthracite sent to Stewart Bulk Terminal, Port of Stewart
- Testing of ship-loader, coal handling and storage facilities

### **Further Upside Potential at Groundhog North Anthracite Project**

- Very shallow anthracite encountered including 4.7m of anthracite at 3.3m depth in the S80 seam, above the S70 seam, not yet included in the SPFS
- S60 seam encountered between the S40 and S70 seam with thicknesses up to 6.4m, also not yet included in the SPFS

## *Kuro Coal Limited:*

### *Kuro Acquired Major Coking Coal Project*

- Kuro agreed to acquire up to a 70% interest in the Elan Coking Coal Project located in Alberta, Canada, covering 22,951 hectares
- Elan is located close to five operating coking coal mines owned by Teck (Canada's largest diversified miner) with ready access to existing rail which connects to a number of deep sea ports
- Elan contains an Indicated and Inferred Coal Resource of 146.5Mt under JORC 2012 Guidelines
- Elan acquisition represents final step prior to progressing the Kuro IPO where Atrum shareholders as of the Record Date, will be entitled to one free Kuro share for every four Atrum shares held

### *Kuro Coal Licences in Peace River Coalfield Granted*

- Kuro was granted four coal licences covering a total area of 5,239 hectares located in the coking coal rich area of Peace River
- Licences were granted following consultation with local First Nations bands

## *Corporate:*

### *Atrum Coal made Key Board and Senior Management Appointments*

- Atrum Coal appointed highly experienced finance executive Mr Theo Renard as VP Finance to facilitate the Company's transformation from anthracite explorer to producer
- Dr Eric Lilford transitions from the MD role to join the Company's Anthracite Marketing and Advisory Committee (AMAC)
- Mr James Chisholm appointed Executive Chairman to assist the current Executive Directors and operational team transition the Company from developer to producer
- Company opened Vancouver office to facilitate pre-production activities

### *Key Appointments to Anthracite Marketing Advisory Committee*

- Atrum established Anthracite Marketing Advisory Committee (AMAC) to oversee strategic offtake discussions
- Appointment of Mr George Edwards, and Mr Stephen Gye as Executive Advisors
- Pre-production marketing continued in North Asia and North America

### Appointment of Non-Executive Director

- Atrium Coal appointed highly experienced infrastructure specialist, Mr Steven Boulton to the Board as a Non-Executive Director
- Mr Boulton is one of Australia's most accomplished infrastructure and logistics executives
- Former Chief Executive Officer – Hastings Funds Management, Executive Chairman – Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal, Non-Executive Director – Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd

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Atrium Coal NL ("**Atrium**" or the "**Company**") (ASX: **ATU**) is pleased to report the Company's activities for the quarter ended 30 September 2014 in relation to its flagship Groundhog Anthracite Project and the advanced development of the Groundhog North Mine located in British Columbia, Canada.

Commenting on the quarterly achievements, Executive Chairman James Chisholm stated:

*"This past quarter has been a very active and busy time for Atrium. Importantly, we have identified multiple market segments for the high grade and ultra-high grade anthracite at our 800sqkm Groundhog tenure, and multiple potential mine sites in addition to Groundhog North. We have built our operational team to achieve the key milestone of 'first anthracite on ship' and our supplementary PFS (SPFS) has demonstrated that under an owner operator model, the Groundhog North Mine is able to generate a post-tax NPV of \$1.7bn."*

*"Experienced coal and infrastructure specialists, Cameron Vorias and Steven Boulton, have joined the board to guide the management team that now consists of three experienced Vice Presidents – Operations (Ben Smith), Business Development (Peter Doyle) and Finance (Theo Renard) – and our Mine Manager (Rick Greene)."*

*"Over the next few months, the Company's focus is to secure financing to advance the Groundhog North Mine, and as such our on-site crew has fallen from more than 40 personnel at camp to less than 10, with a commensurate fall in expenses. The current small capital raise will ensure we have sufficient funds to undertake discussions and negotiations with steel mills, traders and funding groups. To that end, the Company has advanced discussions with various international investment banks to assist the management with the Groundhog North sell down process, which has already started."*

*"With so much happening across the Groundhog project, including the SPFS for Groundhog North and the commencement of conceptual studies on other potential mine sites, management have only recently finalised the Kuro spin-out documentation, which has now been submitted to ASIC for review."*

## GROUNDHOG ANTHRACITE PROJECT

The Groundhog Anthracite Project (**Groundhog**) is located in the Groundhog Coalfield in the northern part of the Bowser Basin in north-western British Columbia, approximately 890 km northwest of Vancouver, 150 km northeast of Stewart, and 300 km northeast of Prince Rupert.

During the quarter, the Company continued its extensive drilling at Groundhog covering both regional / exploration drilling across the project and infill drilling in the North West area of Groundhog. This was further complemented by additional coal quality analysis to further enhance the Company's understanding of the use and quality of the anthracite developed at Groundhog.

In July 2014, Kuro Coal Panorama Inc. acquired an additional 10 coal licence applications covering an area of 13,787ha from Panstone Mines and Minerals Ltd. This acquisition complemented the existing land holding in the Panorama coalfield held by Kuro Coal Panorama Inc. which covered an area of 18,375ha. This has provided the Company with a total footprint in the Panorama coalfield of 33,012ha.

In September 2014 the Company acquired a further 20 granted coal licences and a further 1 coal licence application from Anglo Pacific Group PLC, which covered an area of 10,235ha within the Groundhog and Panorama Coalfield.

In addition, the Company received confirmation from the British Columbia Mines Department that Groundhog coal licence application 417980 (tenure number 418443), 417981 (tenure number 418444), 417994 (tenure number 418445) and 417993 (tenure number 418446) had been granted and converted to coal licences following consultation with local community, First Nations and ministerial stakeholders. This increases the total granted tenure at Groundhog by an additional 5,454 hectares.

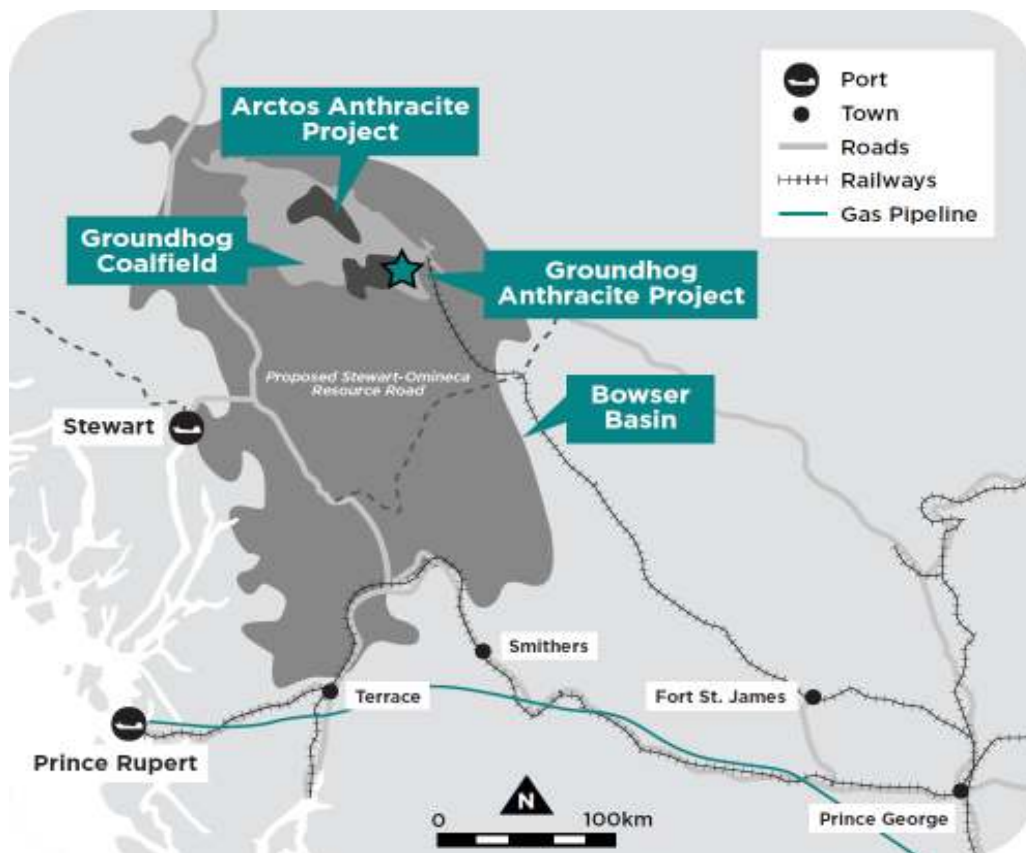
The Groundhog Anthracite Project (**Groundhog**), including Panorama, now comprises 45 granted coal licences and 33 coal licence applications covering an area of 81,616 hectares.

Groundhog is prospective for high grade and ultra-high grade anthracite suitable for application in the steel and ferro-alloy industries.

The Groundhog Anthracite Project is located in close proximity to key mining infrastructure including rail, port, road, power and water facilities. A rail easement or 'right-of-way' completed by the British Columbia Railway ("BCR") runs through the Groundhog Anthracite Project for approximately 30km southwards. At this point it connects with existing rail, at the Minaret Terminus, and continues on to the dedicated coal terminals at the deep sea ports of Prince Rupert and Port Metro Vancouver. The distance by rail from the Groundhog Anthracite Project to Fort St. James is 381 km; to the regional centre with extensive rail marshalling yards, Prince George is 497 km; to the deep sea port of Prince Rupert via the British Columbia and the Canadian National railways is 1,234 km; and to the deep sea port at Vancouver is 1,294 km.

The Groundhog Anthracite Project is also approximately 150km north east of the deep sea port town of Stewart, where Atrum holds a non-take-or-pay port contract. The Company has

investigated the construction of a private haul road, which would create a 215km direct access corridor from the Groundhog North Mine to the deep water port of Stewart.



Groundhog Anthracite Project – location map

## ANTHRACITE RESOURCES

The JORC resources at Groundhog are currently 1.57Bt, as summarised in the table below:

JORC Category	Resource (Mt)
Measured	16
Indicated	553
Inferred	998
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,567Mt</b>

*Table 1: JORC Resource at Groundhog*

Anthracyte resource estimation parameters:

- 0.3m seam thickness cut-off
- 100m set back from the river

Groundhog is amenable to both underground and open cut mining with 415Mt occurring between 0 and 100m depth and 90% of the total 1.57Bt resource occurring between 0 and 300m depth.

The table below illustrates the depth cut-off of the JORC resource at Groundhog:

JORC Resource Breakdown By Depth (Mt)	
< 50m	154
< 100m	415
< 200m	993
< 300m	1,420
Unrestricted	1,567

*Table 2: JORC Resource at Groundhog by depth*

## ANTHRACITE QUALITY

The anthracite quality results received from the 2014 Groundhog North Mine drilling program and regional drilling program at Groundhog were excellent and are in line with previous results, demonstrating that anthracite quality at Groundhog ranks amongst the highest in the world. With such high quality anthracite, the Company is well-positioned to deliver carbon products into the global steel industry, speciality metals industry and specialist market applications.

Wash yields on the anthracite produced at Groundhog range from 57% to 83% for a range of potential ultra-high grade and high grade anthracite, and ultra-low volatile PCI products. Anthracite quality results at the Groundhog Anthracite Project, are shown in the table below:

	Groundhog Anthracite Project (adb)	High-Grade Anthracite (adb)	Ultra-High Grade Anthracite (adb)	Chinese BF Coke (adb)
Moisture	<2%	15% (max)	13% (max)	12% (max)
Ash	10 - 12%	15% (max)	12% (max)	12% (max)
Volatiles	4 - 5%	10% (max)	5% (max)	2% (max)
Fixed Carbon	82 - 95%	75% (min)	80% (min)	86% (min)
Sulphur	0.4 - 0.7%	1% (max)	0.6% (max)	0.6% (max)
HGI	45 - 65			
Gross CV (kcal/kg)	7,200 – 8,000			
Classification	Ultra-High Grade / High Grade	Metallurgical Coal	Metallurgical Coal	Metallurgical Coke

A comparison of the potential anthracite specifications (notably carbon) at Groundhog with Chinese BF Coke, which is an essential input into blast furnace steel production, indicates an exceptional product on all specifications. High grade and ultra-high grade anthracite is used in steel manufacturing as an economic and environmentally superior substitute for metallurgical coke. Anthracite is also used in the manufacture of specialty steels and alloys, in electric arc furnaces, for ore sintering, as a reductant and cathode paste and as an economic alternative to graphite.



## SUPPLEMENTARY PFS AT GROUNDHOG NORTH MINE DELIVERS \$1.7BN POST-TAX NPV

During the quarter ended 30 September 2014, the Company announced the results of its optimisation of the Groundhog North underground mine Pre-Feasibility study.

Additional drilling and coal quality test work at Atrum's Groundhog Anthracite Project, along with the acquisition of additional leases, led to an increase in JORC Resources. This enabled the Company to produce a Supplementary Pre-Feasibility Study (SPFS) for Groundhog North. Refinements in road, rail and port infrastructure plans along with improved project economics due to optimisation of the mine plan allowed the Company to significantly increase mine life, NPV, IRR and free cashflow.

Groundhog North cover less than 5% of Atrum's broader Groundhog Anthracite Project in British Columbia, Canada which host a JORC Resource of 1.57 billion tonnes.

The SPFS was independently prepared by Valzan Pty Ltd (Valzan), with inputs on pricing from Wood Mackenzie, modelling assistance from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and independent cost inputs from industry participants in relation to port, power and road CAPEX. Key metrics outputs of the PSFS are summarised in the tables below:

	PFS (MAY)	SPFS (OCTOBER)	
<b>Mining Method</b>	Underground	Underground	
<b>Life of Mine</b>	16yrs	38yrs	+138%
<b>JORC Coal Resource</b>	305Mt	609Mt	+100%
<b>Mineable ROM</b>	75Mt	176Mt	+135%
<b>Annual Saleable Production</b> (LOM Average)	3.2Mtpa	3.2Mtpa	
<b>FOB Production Cost</b> (average LOM / inc royalties)	\$89/t	\$86/t	-3.4%
<b>All-in Capital Cost</b> (owner operator / excluding sustaining)	\$631M	\$596M	-5.5%
<b>Max. Capital Drawdown to Positive Cashflow</b>	\$229M	\$171M	-25.3%
<b>Projected off Balance Sheet Capital</b>	\$377M	\$293M	
<b>Minimum Capital to Small Scale Production</b>	\$77M	\$58M	-24.7%
<b>Projected First Coal Sales</b>	H2 2015	H2 2015	
<b>Post-tax NPV10</b> (nominal)	A\$1,040M	A\$1,685M	+62%
<b>Post-tax IRR</b> (nominal)	39%	42%	
<b>Post-tax LOM Free Cash Flow</b> (nominal)	A\$3,360M	A\$11,159M	+232%

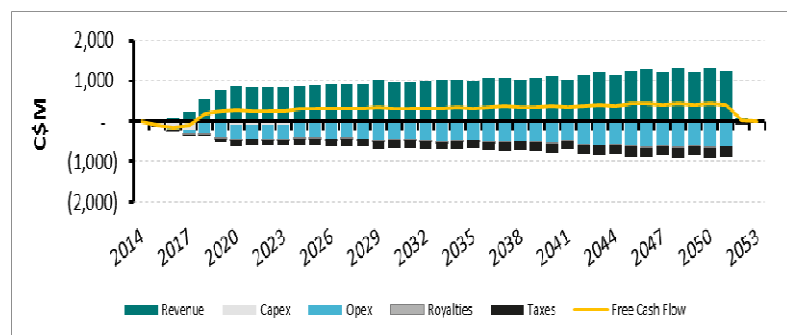


Asset Description	
Ownership	100%
Location	British Columbia, Canada
JORC Resources	1.67Bt (609Mt at Groundhog North)
Coal Type	High Grade and Ultra-high Grade Anthracite
Groundhog North Underground Mine	
Mining Method	Underground (adit into bord & pillar and mini-wall)
Mine Life	38 years
ROM production (avg)	5.4Mtpa
Saleable Production (avg)	3.2Mtpa
Products	52% sized products (avg. 10% ash) 48% non-sized product (avg. 10% ash)
Costs	
Max Capital Drawdown to Positive Cashflow	\$171M
Operating (avg LOM)	\$86/t FOB cash (including royalties)
Revenue	
Sales Price	Wood Mackenzie \$186/t FOB (2014 real) (average received across all products)
Lump Products	Premium to HCC / Discount to export Coke
Non-sized Products	ULV PCI, sinter, breeze and specialty
Margin	Average margin \$100/t real (average for all products)

Indicative GHN Anthracite (washed 60% Yield)	
Inherent Moisture (ad)	1.5%
Ash (ad)	10.0%
Volatile Matter (ad)	5.0%
Fixed Carbon (ad)	83.6%
Sulphur (ad)	0.80%
SE kcal/kg (gad)	7,350
SE kcal/kg (daf)	8,900
HGI	65

All-in Capital Expenditure (excl. sustaining, US\$)	
Underground Mine Equipment & Development	\$395M
Surface Infrastructure	\$14M
Camp & Site Office	\$13M
CHPP	\$64M
Power (BC Hydro connection)	\$52M
Road	\$60M
Port Upgrade	\$8M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$596M</b>
ROM Capacity	5.4Mtpa
CAPEX per tonne annual capacity (tac)	\$110/tac

Forecast Operating Costs (LOM / US\$/t)	
Mining	\$25
Processing	\$5
Yield	60%
Ex-mine (FOB/t)	\$50
Transport & Port	\$25
Other	\$11
<b>Total Cash Cost (FOB/t)</b>	<b>\$86</b>



Significant improvements to project metrics were largely attributed to the following:

- Total anthracite resource, mineable resource, and mine life increased following optimised mine planning facilitated by additional drilling carried out this year combined with an increase in the Groundhog North boundaries resulting from the acquisition of adjacent coal licences from Anglo Pacific Group PLC (August 2014);
- Operating costs reduced on an 'owner-operator' basis due to the identification of operational efficiencies;
- Capital costs reduced across all facets of the operation. Mining fleet costs increased due to the decision favour an 'owner-operator' model and employ and train locally. Surface infrastructure costs reduced as expensive overland conveyors were eliminated from the logistics chain. Road construction estimates reduced due to broader tendering and the

CHPP was redesigned as a modular arrangement, allowing staged capital expenditure; and

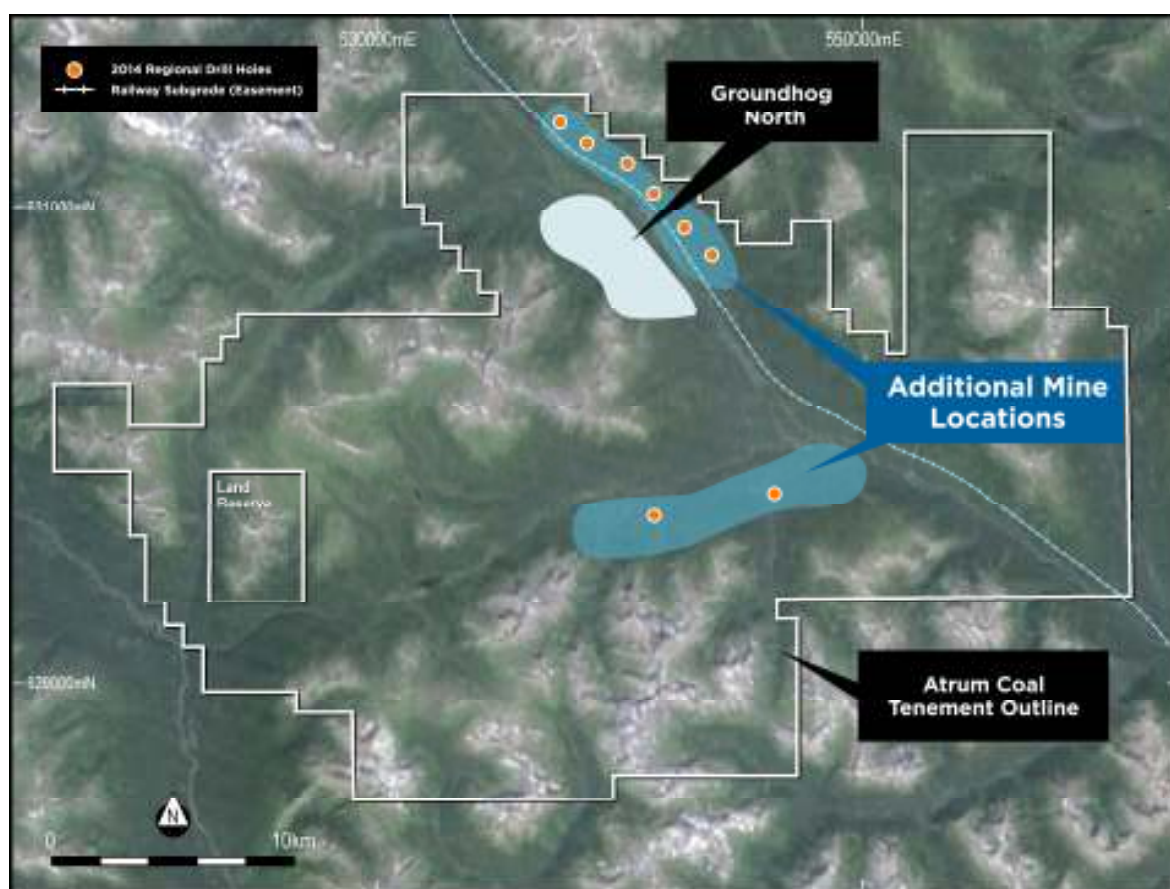
- Port capital costs reduced due to a simpler stockpile management and storage design utilising much of the existing infrastructure at the port rather than new infrastructure as was modelled previously.

*For further information in relation to the supplementary PFS, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 20 October 2014 and titled "Supplementary PFS at Groundhog North Delivers \$1.7Bn NPV" and also "Supplementary PFS Results Presentation" also announced to ASX on 20 October 2014.*

## REGIONAL DRILLING SUCCESS AT GROUNDHOG

In addition to bulk sample and mine portal definition drilling at Groundhog North (SPFS Mine) conducted during 2014, the Company completed a regional exploration program on newly granted coal licences at Groundhog. Drill hole locations were designed to expand the global anthracite resource and identify suitable locations for subsequent mine development.

A total of eight regional drill holes were completed and the average net anthracite thickness intersected was 20.5m. The drill holes were located outside the current resource envelope and the results suggest a material increase in JORC resources is possible.



Additional mine potential discovered at Groundhog

Initial results from six drill holes on the eastern side of the rail-subgrade at Groundhog North East, indicate a high grade anthracite deposit of similar size and quality to that at Groundhog North. This area has the potential to support a standalone mine (Mine II). The area is located adjacent to the rail-subgrade which connects to the rail head at Minaret. A rail upgrade would enable product to be railed direct to Prince George and then onto export terminals at Prince Rupert or Vancouver. Alternatively, product could be trucked to the port of Stewart.

Two drill holes located in the southern portion of Groundhog (immediately west of 2012 drill holes with large anthracite intersections) described as Groundhog South, also indicate potential for an additional mine development (Mine III).

Mine II and Mine III would benefit from surface infrastructure and mine processing facilities constructed as part of the development and operation of Groundhog North. Conceptually, additional mines could be constructed with lower CAPEX, and OPEX savings could be generated across all three sites.

The regional drilling results supported Atrium's geological thesis that the existing resource envelope continues in an east/west and north/south direction within its Groundhog anthracite field tenure.

While the Company's primary focus is on near-term production at Groundhog North, to follow up on the success of the regional exploration program, it will revise the global JORC compliant resource for the Groundhog Coalfield over the coming months.

The Company also intends on releasing details of its plan for the western portion of its Groundhog Coalfield tenure (Panorama Anthracite Project), where it aims to build on its multi-mine strategy.

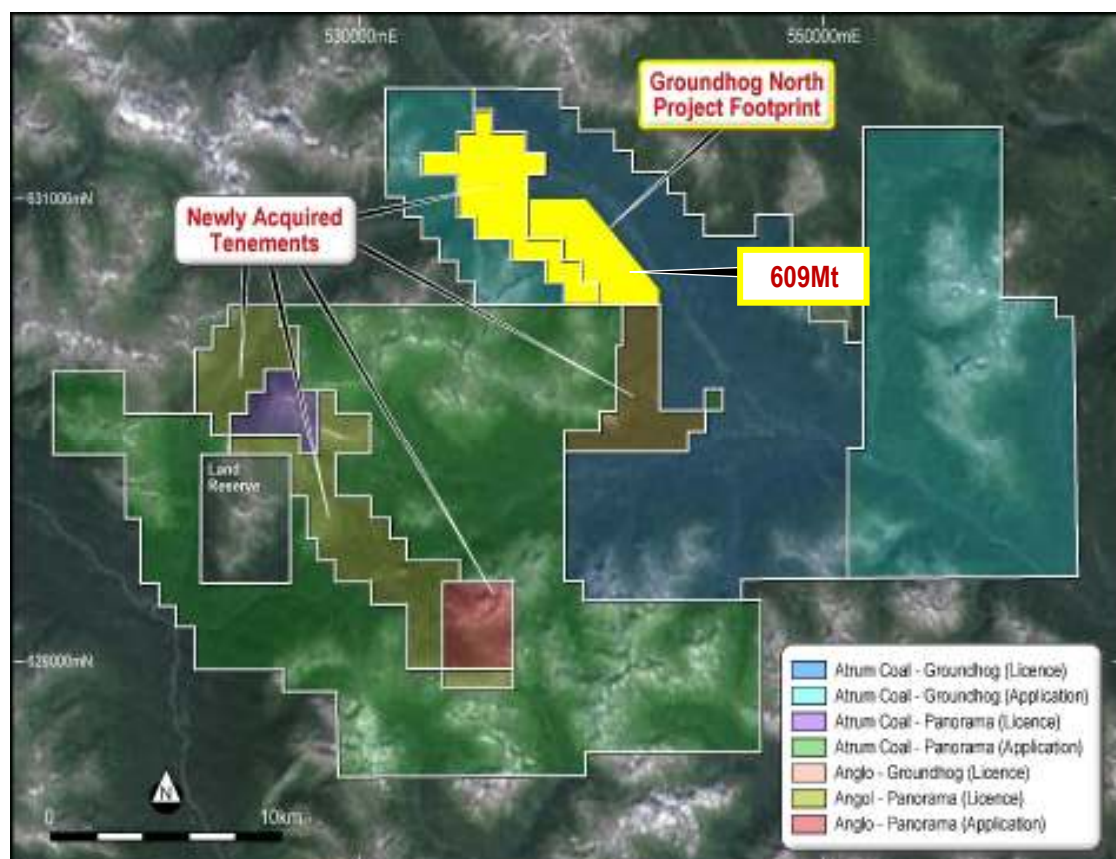
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*For further information in relation to the regional drilling at the Groundhog Anthracite Project, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 16 October 2014 and titled "Regional Drilling Success Supports Atrium Multi-Mine Strategy".*

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## 100% INCREASE IN JORC RESOURCES AT GROUNDHOG NORTH

During the quarter, Atrum Coal NL announced an upgrade to the JORC anthracite resources at the Company's flagship Groundhog Anthracite Project ("Groundhog"), located in British Columbia, Canada.



Atrum acquisition of Anglo Pacific leases west of Groundhog North contributes to resource increase

The reportable JORC resources at Groundhog North increased from 305.2Mt to 609.2Mt, the categories of which are summarised in the table below.

JORC Category	Previous Resource (Mt)	Upgraded Resource (Mt)
Measured	100.1	156.1
Indicated	129.1	193.3
Inferred	76.0	259.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>305.2Mt</b>	<b>609.2Mt</b>

### JORC Resources at Groundhog North

The majority of reported JORC Resources in the Groundhog North area are at a relatively shallow depth of cover. In excess of 80% of Resources are at a depth of less than 300m.

The table below illustrates the depth cut-off of the JORC resource at the Groundhog North Mine:

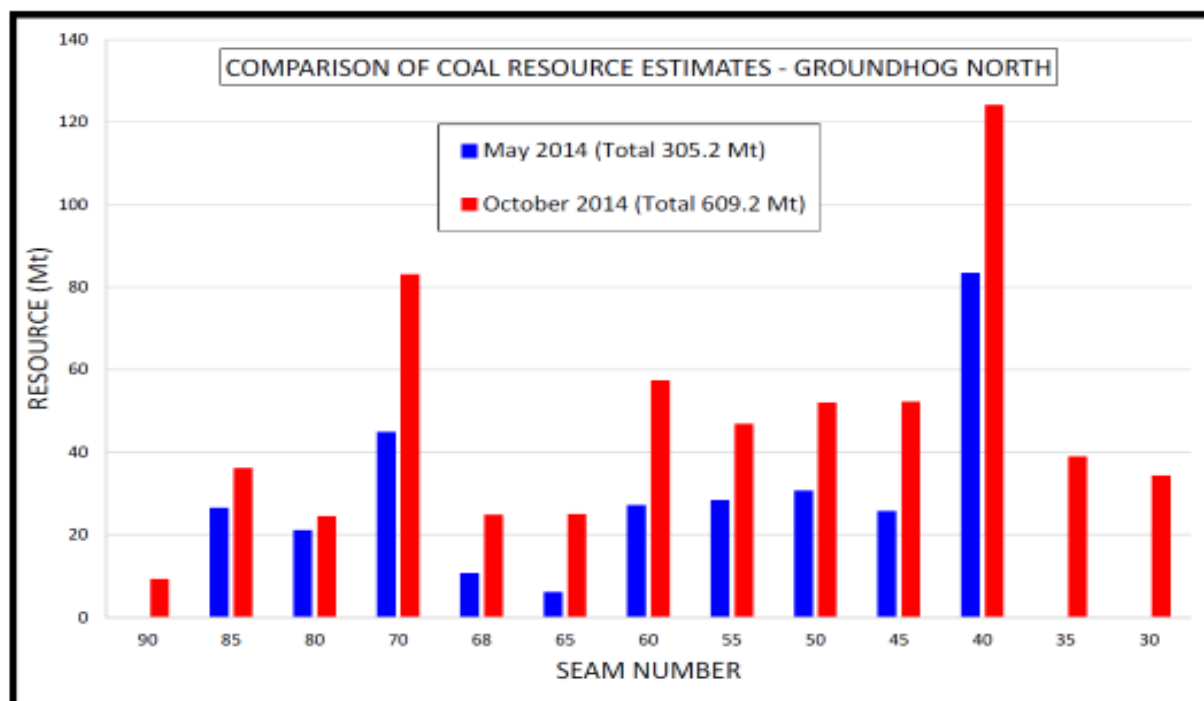
Depth (m)	Measured (Mt)	Indicated (Mt)	Inferred (Mt)	Total (Mt)
< 300	143.5	162.6	199.7	505.8
> 300	12.6	30.7	60.1	103.4
<b>Total by JORC Category</b>	<b>156.1</b>	<b>193.3</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>609.2</b>

JORC Resources at Groundhog North by depth

The following considerations were used in the estimate of the JORC anthracite resource:

- 200m river setback with resources on the eastern side of the river not included
- Measured resource extrapolated 500m from points of observation
- Indicated resource extrapolated 1,000m from points of observation
- Inferred resource extrapolated 2,000m from points of observation
- Maximum 0.3m stone parting
- Minimum 0.4m mining thickness for open cut mining at <300m depth
- Minimum 1m mining thickness for underground mining at >300m depth

A comparison of the estimated anthracite resource as calculated in May 2014 and October 2014 respectively for the Groundhog North area across the various seams is outlined below. The Seam #70 and the Seam #40 demonstrate the greatest increase in estimated resource compared to the previous estimate. Seam #60 and Seam #80 are yet to be included in the SPFS.



Resource Upgrade by Seam at Groundhog North



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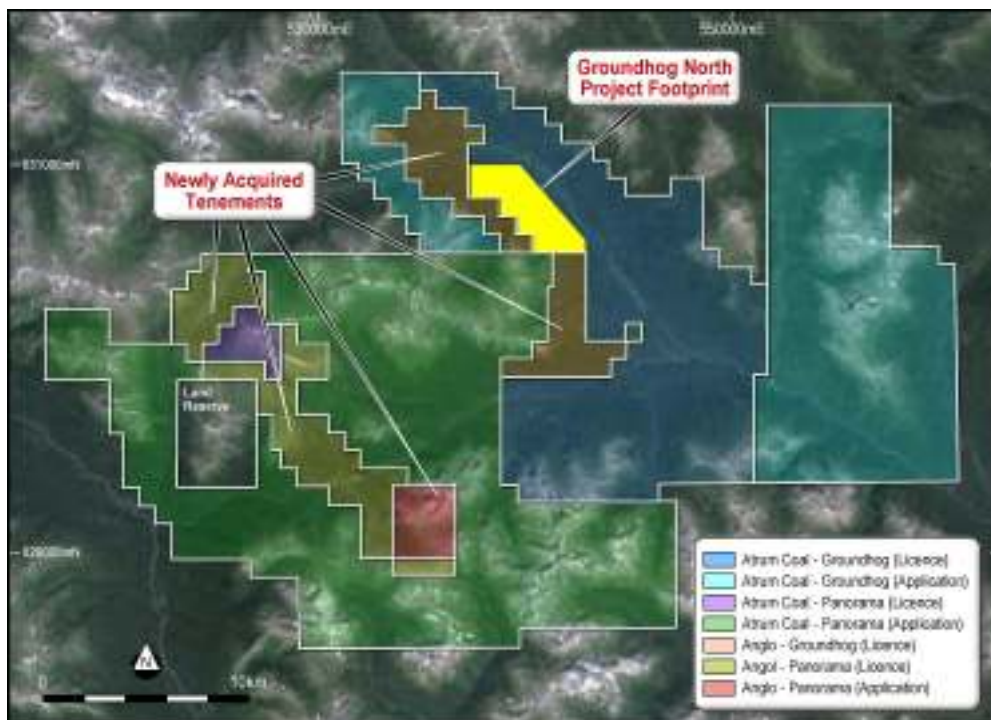
*For further information in relation to the increase in the JORC resources at the Groundhog North Mine, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 14 October 2014 and titled "Atrium Coal – Increased JORC Resources at Groundhog North".*

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## CONSOLIDATION OF COAL LICENCES IN GROUNDHOG COALFIELD

During the quarter, the Company announced that it had acquired a large package of granted coal licences and one coal licence application from Anglo Pacific Group PLC ("**Anglo Pacific**") (LSE: APF, TSX: APY).

The acquisition included 20 granted coal licences and one coal licence application, collectively covering an area of 10,235 hectares, and represents the complete consolidation of all the known anthracite-bearing tenure in the Groundhog and Panorama Coalfields.



**Atrium's Various Groundhog and Panorama Tenure**

Material terms of the acquisition include a 1% gross revenue royalty or a US\$1/tonne royalty (whichever is the higher) payable on anthracite produced from the assets acquired from Anglo Pacific only, US\$500,000 payable in cash, a US\$2.0m 8% promissory loan note repayable within 18 months, and 1,000,000 Atrium shares, escrowed for 18 months from the date of issue.

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*For further information in relation to the consolidation of coal licences in the Groundhog Coalfield, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 29 August 2014 and titled "Atrium completes consolidation of coal licences in Groundhog".*

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## SUCCESSFUL MAIDEN SHIP-LOADER TRIALS AT PORT OF STEWART

During the quarter, the Company announced that it successfully trialled the ship-loader at Stewart Bulk Terminal, 150km from the Company's flagship Groundhog Anthracite Project.



Stewart Bulk Terminal at the Port of Stewart

The testing at the port showed that the existing equipment is capable of loading at least 1.5Mtpa of high grade and ultra-high grade anthracite. Subsequent to the testing, and included in the SPFS costs, the Company agreed an upgrade of the loader with SBT to enable loading of 3mtpa. The Company also has an MOU in place for a further 5Mtpa at Stewart World Port (SWP) which is currently under construction.



Testing the ship-loader conveyor





Testing of loading hoppers



Testing of loading hoppers

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*For further information in relation to the ship-loader trial at Stewart Bulk Terminal, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 14 August 2014 and titled "Atrum Coal completes maiden ship-loader trials".*

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## FIRST HIGH GRADE ANTHRACITE STOCKPILED AT GROUNDHOG

During the quarter, the Company stockpiled high grade anthracite at the Company's flagship JORC 1.57 billion tonne Groundhog Anthracite Project ("**Groundhog**"), located in British Columbia, Canada. The Company mobilised heavy equipment to the staging platform at Groundhog North, including an articulated dump truck, an excavator and a dozer. This equipment was used to complete various site preparation activities as part of the portal and pre-production exploration program.



First anthracite stockpile at Groundhog North



Excavation of S80 outcrop at Groundhog North



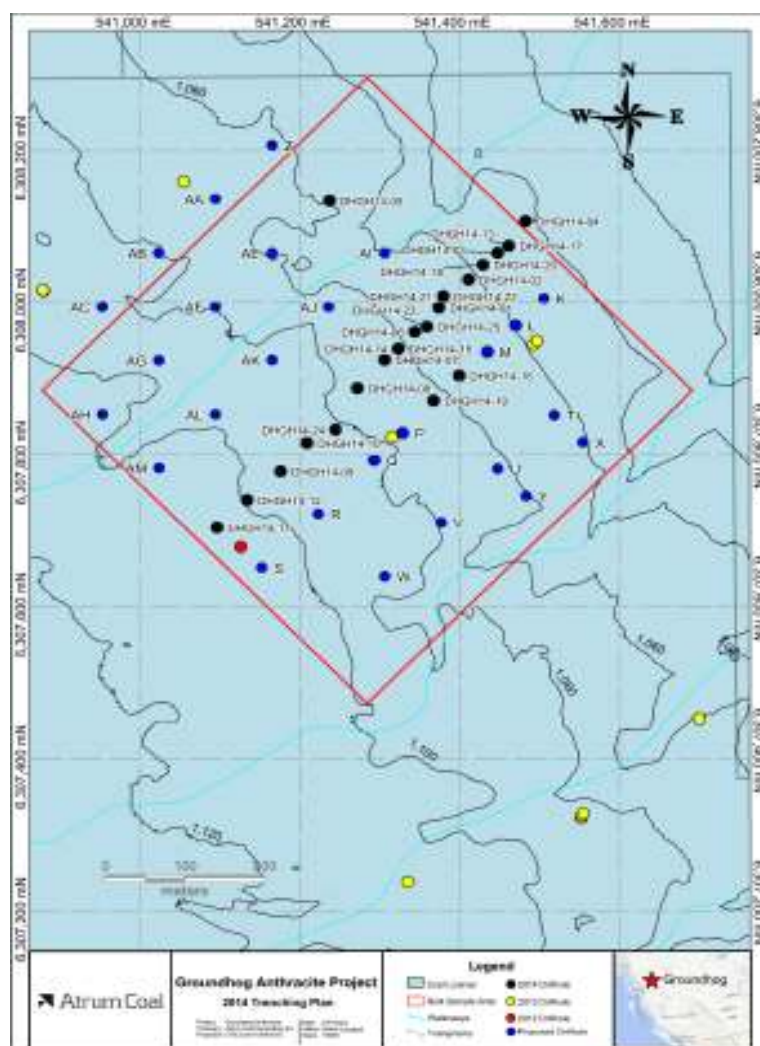
*For further information in relation to the stockpiling of anthracite at Groundhog, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 12 August 2014 and titled "Atrium Coal Stockpiles Anthracite at Groundhog North".*

During the quarter, the Company continued with its advanced drilling and development of the Groundhog North Mine.

Close spaced diamond core drilling continued at Groundhog along section lines perpendicular to the strike of the main structure of the S70 seam as part of the portal development and main development headings.

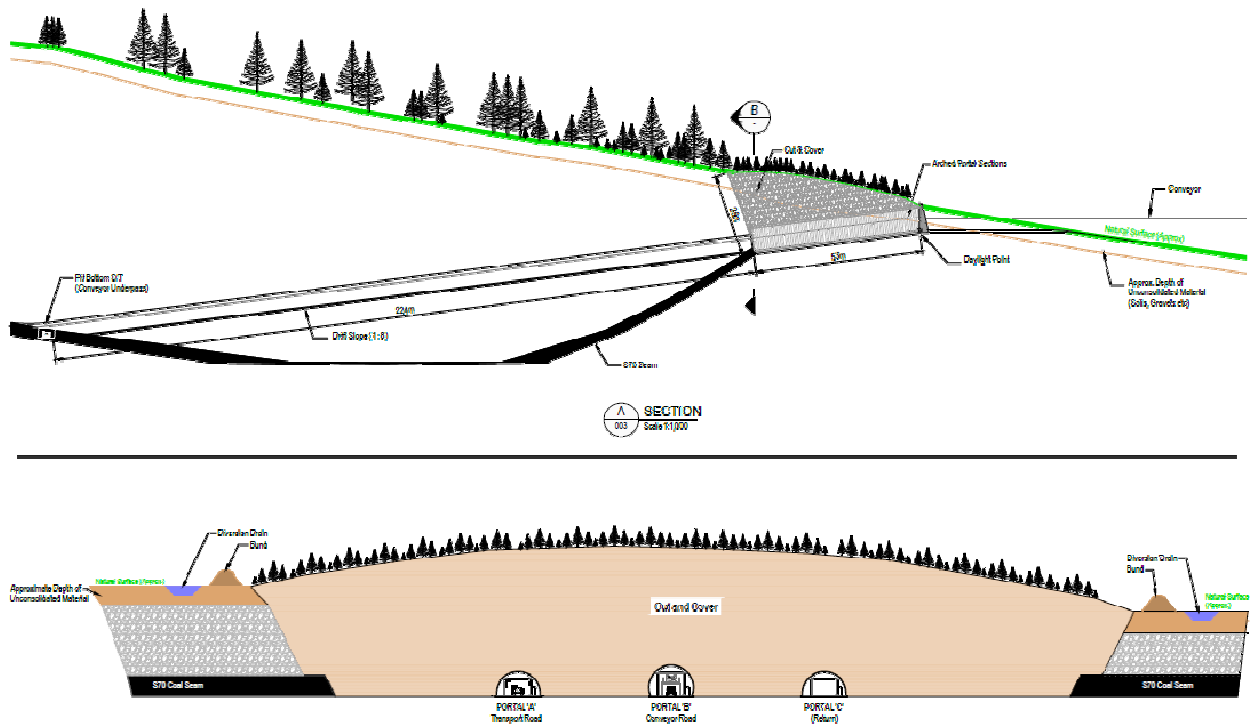
A total of 36 diamond cored drill holes were completed for this purpose within the portal area.

The map (*right*) provides an overview of the location of the drill holes that have been completed as part of the recent drilling campaign.

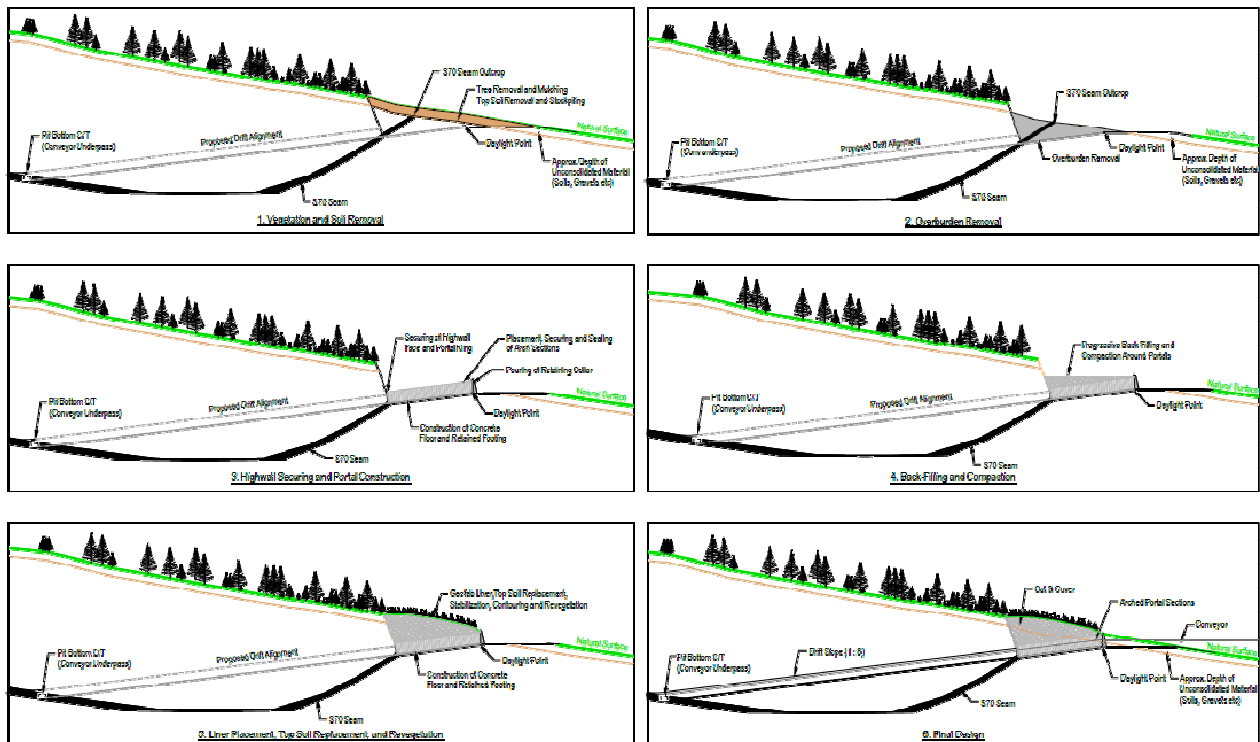


## Groundhog 2014 Drilling Plan

The following diagrams illustrate the portal development concept:



The following diagrams illustrate the portal development concept in stages:





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*For further information in relation to the advance of operations at the Groundhog Anthracite Project, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 4 August 2014 and titled "Atrum Coal Advances Operations at Groundhog North".*

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## ATRUM COMPLETES STRATEGIC ACQUISITION AT THE PANORAMA PROJECT

During the quarter, Atrum completed the 100% acquisition of a substantial coal licence package contiguous with its existing Panorama Anthracite Project ("**Panorama**") located in British Columbia, Canada.

The acquisition included ten coal licence applications ("**Panstone Applications**") covering a total of 13,787 hectares. It provided Atrum with a substantial consolidated footprint totalling 33,012 hectares in the Panorama Coalfield.

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*For further information in relation to the expansion of footprint at the Panorama Anthracite Project, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 15 July 2014 and titled "Kuro Completes Strategic Acquisition at Panorama Project."*

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## KURO COAL LIMITED

### KURO COAL ACQUIRES MAJOR HARD COKING COAL PROJECT

During the quarter, Kuro Coal announced that it had agreed to acquire up to a 70% interest in the Elan Coking Coal Project ("**Elan**") located in Alberta, Canada.

The acquisition will take place through a joint venture between Kuro and Elan. The Elan acquisition included 27 Alberta Crown Coal Lease applications covering a total area of approximately 23,000 hectares.

Elan is located in the foothills and front ranges of the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, approximately 30 km north of Coleman in Alberta. Historic work has divided the property into Savanna Creek, Isola Peak, Isolation Ridge, Isolation South (Oldman River or OMR), Wildcat (Cat Mountain) and Grassy North (Oldman River South) areas.

In Alberta, coal lease applications provide the right to explore the land within the boundaries of the lease and are granted for a term of 15 years with an option to extend at expiry. The majority of the project can be accessed via paved highways as well as a system of limited use roads and access trails. The development of ground access in and around the project area will allow the Company to undertake exploration with ground based drill rigs with minimal reliance on air support to conduct exploration and development.



Location of Elan project

Elan hosts a JORC compliant Indicated and Inferred Resource (in accordance with 2012 JORC guidelines) of 146.5Mt. The table below details the JORC Indicated and Inferred Resource as well as indicative clean coal quality:

Elan JORC Resources	Tonnage	Indicative Clean Coal Quality
Indicated	61.9Mt	<b>Coal Rank:</b> Mid Volatile <b>R<sub>o</sub> Max:</b> 1.30 - 1.40 <b>Ash:</b> 8.0% - 9.0% <b>Volatile Matter:</b> 20% - 25% <b>Sulphur:</b> 0.5% - 0.6% <b>FSI:</b> 6 - 7 <b>Fixed Carbon:</b> 60% - 70%
Inferred	84.6Mt	
Total Resource	146.5Mt	
Exploration Target	735Mt – 755Mt	<b>Coal Rank:</b> Mid Volatile <b>R<sub>o</sub> Max:</b> 1.30 - 1.40 <b>Ash:</b> 8.0% - 9.0% <b>Volatile Matter:</b> 20% - 25% <b>Sulphur:</b> 0.5% - 0.6% <b>FSI:</b> 6 - 7 <b>Fixed Carbon:</b> 60% - 70%

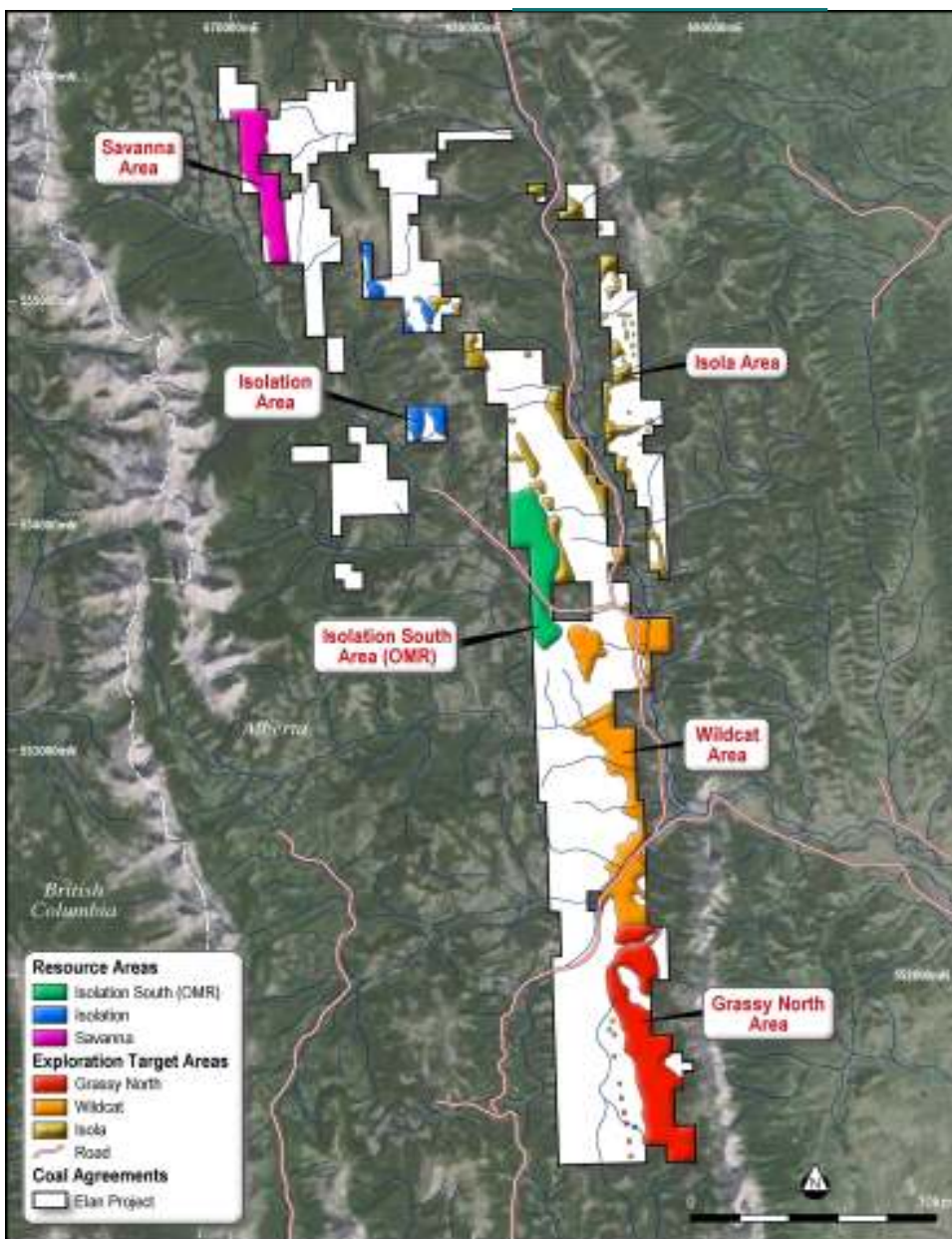
Elan JORC Resources (2012)



In addition to the current JORC Resources, Elan hosts an Exploration Target of between 735Mt – 755Mt of low to medium volatile bituminous coal that requires additional drilling prior to completing resource definition. This Exploration Target (under section 17 of the JORC Guidelines 2012) is based on drilling completed by previous explorers together with historical trenching, adits, mapping and sampling of coal outcrops across the project area.

The Exploration Target quantity and quality is conceptual in nature. There has been insufficient exploration to define a mineral resource and it is uncertain if further exploration will result in the Exploration Target being delineated as a mineral resource. The Exploration Target was calculated in August 2014 by Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd under the 2012 JORC Guidelines.

The map below illustrates the main target areas within the Elan project:



Areas of geological interest at the Elan

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*For further information in relation to the acquisition of the Elan Coking Coal Project, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 3 September 2014 and titled "Kuro Coal Acquires Major Coking Coal Project" and ASX announcement dated 26 September 2014 and titled "Kuro Coal Clarification Announcement – Elan Project."*

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## **KURO COAL RECEIVES GRANT OF PEACE RIVER COAL LICENCES**

During the quarter, Kuro Coal announced that following First Nations and community consultation, the Company received four coal licences in the Peace River Coalfield, British Columbia, Canada.

The four granted coal licences total 5,239 hectares and are located in the coking coal rich area of Peace River.

The Peace River Project is located approximately 30 km west of the Wapiti Coal Project, owned by Hillsborough Resources Limited, approximately 40 km east of the operating Brule Mine, owned by Walter Energy Inc, and 35 km north of the Perry Creek/Wolverine Mine, owned by Walter Energy Inc. It is located on the western margin of the Western Canadian Sedimentary Basin and the eastern fringe of the Rocky Mountain foothills fold belt.

The coal licenses are located approximately 300 km north east of Prince George. The Chetwynd Highway (29) runs approximately 25 km to the west of the property and the Heritage Highway (52) runs approximately 10 km to the east of the property. Both highways connect at the locality of Tumbler Ridge, approximately 16 km south of the property.

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*For further information in relation to the granting of the Peace River Coal Licences, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 10 October 2014 and titled "Kuro Coal Receives Grant of Peace River Coal Licences."*

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## **CORPORATE**

### **APPOINTMENT OF MR RENARD AS VP COMMERCIAL**

During the quarter, the Company appointed Mr Theo Renard CA (SA), CSA, MAICD as VP Commercial. Mr Renard has 20 years' experience in commercial and investment banking with a focus on the resources sector. He has held senior roles with The Standard Bank of South Africa, Deloitte & Touche and Nedcor Bank Limited. He was formerly Head of Credit for Nedcor Asia Limited, Director (Risk Management) and Executive Director (Relationship Banking and Portfolio Management) for ABN Amro, and Chief Financial Officer for Singer Asia Limited.

Mr Renard's appointment is an important milestone for the Company and crucial to the transition from developer to producer. He will be responsible for implementing both the financial strategy of the Company in the context of offtake negotiation and project finance, and he will work closely with the executive Board, VP Operations and VP Marketing, in developing and implementing financial policy and frameworks required to support the transition to an ultra-high grade anthracite producer.

## APPOINTMENT OF MR CHISHOLM AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

During the quarter, the Company appointed Mr James Chisholm as Executive Chairman of the Company. Mr Chisholm is a qualified engineer who has worked in the engineering and mining sectors for the past 30 years, initially in engineering, followed by management, marketing, M&A and finally in direct project investment. Mr Chisholm will work with the executive directors as well as key management across all facets of the business including operational, marketing, public relations and financial. Over the next few months he will relocate to the Company's new Vancouver office along with Executive Director, Mr Gino D'Anna to help realise the Board's vision of developing the world's largest high grade and ultra-high grade anthracite resource.

## KEY APPOINTMENTS TO ANTHRACITE MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Following the appointment of Mr Peter Doyle to the position of VP Marketing and Business Development earlier this year, Atrium announced that it had established the Anthracite Marketing Advisory Committee (AMAC) and made two key appointments: Mr Stephen Gye and Mr George Edwards. Subsequent to this announcement, Mr Eric Lilford stepped down as Managing Director to join AMAC.

As a dedicated adviser to the Company, AMAC will ensure that the Board can maximise shareholder value through a long-term offtake strategy that takes full advantage of Groundhog's strategic value as the largest known and undeveloped HG and UHG anthracite deposit in the world.

Mr George Edwards BSc (Tech), CEng, FAICD, FIE (UK), FAIE, FAusIMM (CP), MMICA is a metallurgy graduate from UNSW who has been a prominent authority in the global coal and steel sectors for over 40 years, having owned and operated three export-focused coal mines.

Mr Edwards boasts a long and successful career in the coal industry with an impressive list of industry achievements and accolades:

- Leader of the Australian Government Sponsored Coal Mission to South America
- Member of the first Australian Coal Mission to China
- Member of the Australian Steaming Coal Survey Mission to the USA
- Member of the Australian Ministerial Coal Mission to India
- Former President of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (The AusIMM)
- Former International Chairman of the Coal Preparation Congress
- Gold Medal Recipient by the Mineral Industry Consultants Association in 2011
- Former CEO in Australia for Consolidation Coal Company of USA
- Former Marketing Director at Coal & Allied Industries Limited
- Former Head of Marketing and Fuel Technology at the Joint Coal Board
- Former Head of Coal and Coke Research at BHP
- Former Chairman of Standards Australia
- Former Chairman of Environment, Materials and Safety Standards Sector Board (Standards Australia)
- Former Chairman of SAI Global Limited
- Former Chairman of the Energy Council of Australia

Mr Stephen Gye BSc (Geol) has over 45 years' experience in the Australian and overseas coal industry. He has a strong background in sales and marketing, business analysis, project management, exploration, mine geology, coal utilisation and trading. Particular skills include strategic marketing and customer relations and development.

Like Mr Edwards, Mr Gye boasts a long and successful career in the coal industry:

- 13 years with BHP Steel Division in mine operations
- 4 years with Kennecott (Australia) Limited in mine operations and project development
- 4 years with McIlwraith McEacharn Limited in mine operations and marketing
- 4 years with the Liddell Joint Venture in mine operations and marketing
- 8 years with Oakbridge in marketing and offtake
- 6 years with Barlow Jonker as Executive Director (Coal Marketing)
- 7 years with Wood Mackenzie in marketing and strategic consulting

Mr Gye has successfully developed new sales portfolios for developing and existing export projects in major international coal markets including Asia, Europe and the Americas. Most recently, Mr Gye held senior positions with the prominent consultancy and research groups, Barlow Jonker and Wood Mackenzie, where he specialised in coal market analysis, development and sales strategies. In addition to his marketing skills he has a strong technical background in coal technology and coal utilisation in the metallurgical and energy industries.

Dr Lilford stepped down from Managing Director of the Company effective 30 September 2014 and joined the Anthracite Marketing Advisory Committee (AMAC) on 1 October 2014. Dr Lilford PhD (Mineral Economics), NHD (Coal Mining), BSc and MSc Eng (Mining) was formerly National Head of Mining for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu and was a Partner at Deloitte in the Corporate Finance division. He has over 25 years operational and investment experience across the global resources sector, with significant experience in anthracite markets.

## APPOINTMENT OF MR STEVEN BOULTON TO THE BOARD

During the quarter, Mr Steven Boulton was appointed to the Board. Mr Boulton, MTM, BBus, FAICD, FAIM, CAHRI has in excess of 35 years' operational and investment experience in major infrastructure projects, including ports, rail, roads, airports and utilities. He is one of Australia's leading infrastructure executives and currently serves as Global Head of Infrastructure at CP2.

He has previously performed in a number of major infrastructure advisory roles:

- Chief Executive Officer – Allgas Energy Ltd
- Chief Executive Officer – Powerco Limited (NZ's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest electricity/gas enterprise)
- Chief Executive Officer – Prime Infrastructure (\$3.7 billion infrastructure fund)
- Chief Executive Officer – Hastings Funds Management (\$7 billion infrastructure fund)
- Executive Director – Australian Pacific Airports Corporation
- Executive Chairman – Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (one of the largest coal export facilities)
- Executive Chairman – PD Ports (UK's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest commodity seaport)
- Executive Chairman – WestNet Rail
- Executive Chairman – International Energy Group (UK's 2<sup>nd</sup> largest independent gas utility)
- Non-Executive Director – Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd

- Non-Executive Director – Infrastructure Partnerships Australia
- Non-Executive Director – The Australian Infrastructure Fund

Mr Boulton will assist the Board deliver a low cost infrastructure strategy in the initial stages of production at Groundhog. Longer term he will help the Company navigate a range of off-balance sheet options to infrastructure expansion funding (rail, port, power), which would be required to facilitate a multi-mine strategy.

*For further information in relation to the corporate appointments, please refer to the ASX announcement dated 5 August 2014 and titled "Atrium Coal – Key Appointments to Anthracite Marketing Advisory Committee" and ASX announcement dated 22 August and titled "Atrium Coal Board Appoints Mr Steven Boulton Following Shiploader Trials" and ASX announcement dated 18 September 2014 and titled "Atrium Coal Makes Key Board and Senior Management Appointments."*

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Forward looking statements are based on the company and its management's good faith assumptions relating to the financial, market, regulatory and other relevant environments that will exist and affect the company's business and operations in the future. The company does not give any assurance that the assumptions on which forward looking statements are based will prove to be correct, or that the company's business or operations will not be affected in any material manner by these or other factors not foreseen or foreseeable by the company or management or beyond the company's control.

Although the company attempts to identify factors that would cause actual actions, events or results to differ materially from those disclosed in forward looking statements, there may be other factors that could cause actual results, performance, achievements or events not to be anticipated, estimated or intended, and many events are beyond the reasonable control of the company. Accordingly, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward looking statements.

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## **Competent Person Statement**

### ***Coal Resources***

The coal resources documented in this report were estimated in accordance with the guidelines set out in the JORC Code, 2012. They are based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr Nick Gordon, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a full-time employee of Gordon Geotechniques Pty Ltd.

With more than 28 years of experience in open cut and underground coal mining, Mr Gordon has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify him as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code, 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves."

Neither Mr Gordon nor Gordon Geotechniques Pty Ltd have any material interest or entitlement, direct or indirect, in the securities of Atrum or any companies associated with Atrum. Fees for the preparation of this report are on a time and materials basis.

Mr Gordon recently visited the Groundhog project area on 21st March 2014 whilst exploration personnel were preparing for the next drilling program. Two days were also spent with Atrum geological personnel in Victoria, British Columbia evaluating the geological, coal quality and geotechnical information relevant to the Groundhog project area.

Mr Gordon consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on the information, in the form and context in which it appears.

### ***Exploration Results***

The information in this document that relates to Exploration Results is based on information compiled by Brad Van Den Bussche B.Sc P.Geo, who is a Member of a Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation (ROPO) included in a list promulgated by the ASX from time to time, being the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Van Den Bussche has read and understands the requirements of the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (JORC Code, 2012 Edition). Mr Van Den Bussche is a Competent Person as defined by the JORC Code, 2012 Edition, having five years' experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit described in this document, and to the activity for which I am accepting responsibility.

Mr Van Den Bussche is Chief Technical Officer of Atrum Coal NL and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit and mineralisation under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking. Mr Van Den Bussche consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

## ASX Listing Rule 5.8 Compliance

The following information is provided in compliance with Listing Rule 5.8 and the JORC guidelines.

### Location and Tenement Details

The Groundhog Anthracite Project (**Groundhog**) is located in the Groundhog Coalfield in the northern part of the Bowser Basin in north-western British Columbia, approximately 890km northwest of Vancouver, 150km northeast of Stewart, and 300km northeast of Prince Rupert. At the time the Company first acquired the Groundhog project, it comprised 22 granted coal licences covering an area of 13,776 hectares and 4 coal licence applications covering an area of 9,039 hectares, providing a total land holding of 22,815 hectares.

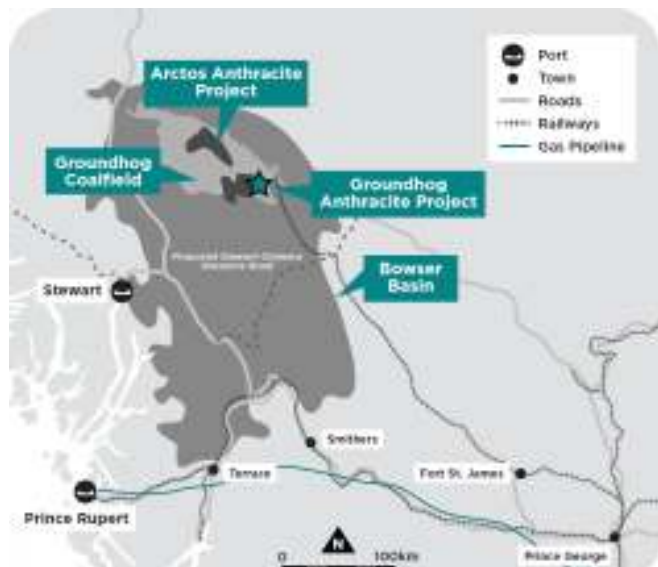
In January 2014, Atrum expanded upon its footprint in BC, through the acquisition of a further 11 coal licence applications from Panstone Mines and Minerals Ltd, covering a total of 15,554ha. This footprint was further expanded in September 2014 when the Company acquired a further 20 granted coal licences and a further 1 coal licence application from Anglo Pacific Group PLC, which covered an area of 10,235ha within the Groundhog and Panorama Coalfield.

In July 2014, Kuro Coal Panorama Inc. acquired an additional 10 coal licence applications covering an area of 13,787ha from Panstone Mines and Minerals Ltd. This acquisition complemented the existing land holding in the Panorama coalfield held by Kuro Coal Panorama Inc. which covered an area of 18,375ha. This has provided the Company with a total footprint in the Panorama coalfield of 33,012ha.

The Groundhog Anthracite Project (**Groundhog**), including Panorama, now comprises 45 granted coal licences and 33 coal licence applications covering an area of 81,616 hectares.

The Groundhog project is located in close proximity to key mining infrastructure including rail, port, road, power and water facilities. A rail easement or 'right-of-way' completed by the British Columbia Railway ("BCR") foundation runs adjacent to the project for approximately 30km southwards. At this point it connects with existing rail, at the Minaret Terminus, and continues on to the dedicated coal terminals at the deep sea ports of Prince Rupert and Port Metro Vancouver.

The infrastructure centre relevant to the Groundhog Project is the deep sea port town of Stewart which lies approximately 150km southwest of the property. However, the southern boundary of the properties is in close proximity (~30 km) to the British Columbia Railway (BCR) foundation /rail subgrade, which connects southwards with train services to the Prince Rupert coal terminal. In 2005, the Canadian National Railway acquired BCR, and submitted a proposal to extend the track through the Groundhog Project to access Fortune Mineral's "Arctos" anthracite project, located approximately 80 km north of the Groundhog Project. The distance by rail from the Groundhog Project to Fort St. James is 381km, to Prince George 497km, to Prince Rupert via the British Columbia and the Canadian National railways 1,234km and to Vancouver 1,294km.



Groundhog Anthracite Project – Location Map

CN Rail operates under a long term lease arrangement with BCR, and operates the rail line between Prince George and Port of Prince Rupert and on the Dease Lake Line to Minaret.

### Geology and Geological Interpretation

The Groundhog Coalfield is located in the northern portion of the Bowser Basin, bounded by the Skeena Arch to the north and the Stikine Arch to the south. The basin is situated in the Cordilleran Eugeosyncline and characterized by a regressive coarsening upwards sequence of clastic sediments deposited when uplift of the Coastal Mountains formed an inland sea. This marine regression deposited an approximately 4000m thick regressive sequence known as the Bowser Lake Group. The Bowser Lake Group is unconformably overlain by the Late Cretaceous Tango Creek Member of the Sustut Group and unconformably overlies the Triassic/Jurassic Takla-Hazleton assemblage, though neither of these bounding assemblages is present on Atrum Coal's Property.

Using the nomenclature coined by Cookanoo and Bustin in 1991, the formations of the Bowser Lake Group from oldest to youngest are as follows: the Ashman Formation, Currier Formation, McEvoy Formation, and the Devil's Claw Formation.



### *Ashman Formation*

The approximately 1800m thick, fully marine Ashman Formation is the oldest formation in the Bowser Lake Group and has been referred to in pre-1991 reports as the Panorama Sequence or the Panorama Unit. The Jurassic age formation is composed of mostly dark bluish grey to black shale that coarsens upwards repetitively to shallow-marine sandy mudstone and sandstone. Weathered tan coloured sandstone units near the top of the formation have been noted by Gulf geologists as containing bivalve fossils.

### *Currier Formation*

The Currier Formation is approximately 1000 metre thick and is the primary coal bearing formation of the Groundhog Coalfield. Prior to 1991 the Currier Formation was referred to either as the Groundhog Sequence or Groundhog Unit. The change from a fully marine depositional environment to this alternating marine and non-marine depositional environment is recorded in the gradational contact between the Ashman and Currier Formations. The deltaic Currier Formation is composed of alternating beds of shale and sandstone with lesser amounts of siltstone, conglomerate and coal.

The coarsening upwards strata range from 30m to 60m thick beds at the bottom of the formation then begin to thin into 6m to 10m thick beds approaching the top.

Historically the northern part of the Bowser Basin has good coal development within the Currier Formation. Twenty-five meta-anthracite to anthracite grade coal seams have been recorded in the northern Bowser Basin.

### *McEvoy Formation*

Strata from the 600 to 1000 metre thick McEvoy Formation are interpreted as being deposited in paralic marine and brackish waters from a fluvially dominated delta system. Evidence for this depositional environment can be seen in terrestrial plant fossils preserved in the sediments.

Coarsening-upward, silty mudstones are the dominant facies but sandstones and conglomerates are present, as well as thin sub-anthracite seams. The gradational contact with the overlying Devil's Claw Formation is observed as a major increase in the frequency of conglomerate units.

### *Devil's Claw Formation*

The Devil's Claw Formation consists primarily of thick successions of conglomerates with minor interbeds of sandstone, siltstone and shale. This 300 to 500 metre thick formation is interpreted as being deposited in a high energy environment such as that of an alluvial fan. Both large scale cross bedding of conglomerates with pebble to cobble sized clasts and homogenous conglomerates can be seen in the Devil's Claw Formation. Both are clast-supported and composed of well-sorted and well-rounded chert, volcanic quartz and occasionally granodiorite clasts.

The coal-bearing Currier Formation consists of alternating beds of shale and sandstone, with lesser amounts of siltstone, conglomerate and coal. Strata are generally arranged in coarsening-upward units ranging from 30m to 60m thick in the lower part of the formation.

On the Groundhog Anthracite Project, the thickness of the coal-bearing unit, locally known as the Groundhog Unit, is approximately 600m thick. Coal occurrences indicate the base of the Groundhog unit.

Atrium's 2013 and 2014 exploration drilling program focussed on the northwest sector (known as the 'North West Area') of the Groundhog Anthracite project. The exploration focus in the North West Area (NW area) during 2013 and 2014 was a consequence of the positive coal intersections derived from the eight cored drillholes drilled during the 2012 season.

## **Drilling**

The 2013 drilling comprised of 64 HQ diamond drill holes (both inclined and vertical), and an additional 19 PQ holes. Combined with the historic drilling and trenches, a total of 52 drill holes and 5 trenches are located within the NW area. In 2014, the Company drilled a further 45 drill holes within the NW area and the regional drilling areas.

Drilling based on current geological modelling has correlated a total of 46 seams. The seam naming convention is a numbering system from seam S30 at the base of the correlated stratigraphy to seam S92 being the uppermost in the correlated sequence.

Atrium's primary exploration focus during the 2014 field season was to target the S70 seam followed by a secondary deeper target comprising the S40 seam located some 100 to 200 metres below the S70. In 2013, a total of 64 drill holes were drilled in the NW area at Groundhog. In 2014, a total of 42 drill holes were completed in the NW area and in the regional drill locations. Of the 42 drill holes, 6 were drilled in regional areas designed to increase the coal footprint with the remaining 36 drill holes being targeted within the bulk sample area.

The S70 coal seam is the primary target in the NW area due to its relative thick and continuous nature, as well as good quality and its potential for both open pit and underground mining. The S70 coal seam was the focus of exploration drilling during the 2013 and 2014 drilling campaign with a high percentage of drill holes terminating after intersecting the S70.

The S70 coal seam was intersected in 43 of the 52 drill holes within the NW area. In two drill holes (DHGH12\_10 and DHGH13\_33) the S70 sub-cropped, and the remaining four drillholes terminated before intersecting the S70 seam. Intersection depths for the S70 range from 5.07m in DHGH13\_28 to 196.20 m in DHGH13\_39. The average depth to the S70 is 71.92 m.

Seam thickness ranges from 0.56 m to 4.75 m, with drill intersections averaging 2.08m in thickness and an average modelled thickness of 1.94m. Seam thickness is relatively consistent across the NW area, however there is evidence at one location (drill hole DHGH13\_03) of structural thickening. This interpretation is supported by down hole geophysics and core photography.

The S40 is considered by Atrum to be the secondary deeper coal seam target. The S40 coal seam was intersected in 16 of the 52 drill holes within the NW area. Intersection depth ranges from 117.22 m in DHGH13\_21 to 370.99 m in DHGH13\_18. The average depth to the S40 is 265.29m.

Seam thickness intersections range from 0.69m to 6.72m, averaging 2.93m with a modelled average thickness of 2.67m. Seam thickness is relatively consistent across the NW area with no established trend in thickness identified from the current dataset.

All holes were logged with a slim-line gamma-density tool which was lowered through the drill stem to obtain at least one complete geophysical log of the hole. Detailed logging (1:50 Scale) was undertaken only over significant coal seam intervals. Whenever possible exploration drill-holes were also logged open hole. In the later stages of the project dipmeter, sonic and acoustic televiewer were also used.

In general, all holes were logged through the drill stem to obtain a gamma density log at 1:100 and 1:200 scale, a neutron log at 1:100 scale and an expanded scale gamma density at 1:50 scale.

All cores collected were descriptively logged in detail by geologists on site. Once described and measured, the coals and selected host rock samples were bagged and labelled for subsequent analysis.

Atrum adopted international best practice exploration procedures including:

- An Atrum geologist is present at the drill rig at all times
- Boreholes drilled with the aim of maximising coal core recovery (a minimum of 90% is required) and to date, the average coal core recovery sent to the laboratory is 95%
- Core recovery is measured by an Atrum geologist whilst the core lies in the core barrel splits in its original condition. The core recovery is then compared to the seam thickness derived from the downhole geophysical logs
- Bore cores are logged in the inner split tube of the core barrel at the drill rig by a geologist before it is removed. This ensures the core is logged in its original state with minimal disturbance to the core
- The coal seam cores are photographed in the core barrel splits
- All boreholes are geophysically logged and to determine seam thickness, roof and floor depth and to assist with correlation
- Consistent sampling of coal seams is ensured by using the downhole geophysical logs to determine ply sample intervals
- Timely despatch of samples for analysis by internationally accredited coal laboratories in Canada ensures delivery of samples within 5 to 6 days of being drilled
- Inspection of internationally recognised and accredited Canada analytical laboratories has been conducted
- Geological and analytical data is entered into the Minescape borehole database for further validation checking.

### Sampling and Analytical Methods

All cores of the coal seams were recovered using HQ (63mm diameter) core barrels. Core recovery was above 90% and on average was 95% for all boreholes completed to date. This is considered to be within the limits expected by international standards.

A summary of the in-situ coal quality results indicate generally the coal has minimum impurities including low-medium ash and low sulphur as well as possessing very favourable metallurgical attributes sort after by steel makers in many countries.

The evaluation of coal quality for the 2013 and 2014 exploration programs is based upon the analytical results of core obtained from drill-holes, and from bulk samples collected from the Groundhog Property. The primary purpose of the coring programs was to obtain sufficient samples of significant coal seams for reliable determinations of the raw and some clean quality characteristics of the Groundhog Property.

The 2013 and 2014 laboratory testing was more comprehensive than in 2012, samples were not only tested for coal quality, but also for environmental analysis, mineral properties and geotechnical parameters. Typically, specific lab analyses on core samples were performed by ALS Laboratories in Burnaby, Vancouver, British Columbia however some samples went to Loring Laboratories Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta. Most samples collected were representative of selected coal units and their associated internal partings. Roof and floor samples were also collected for most significant seams but were not analysed.

Samples were all weighed and air dried, selected samples (individual plies and composites) were then designated one of four analytical flow paths for analysis based on the mass of material available for testing (PQ Major Ply, HQ Major Ply, HQ Small Ply or Basic).

Analysis focused on the shallow coal seams (mainly Seam 70 or above) in the NW portion of the project where initial bulk sample work is anticipated). Analysis of HQ Major Ply and HQ Small Ply, HQ Basic and PQ Major were done by the process outlined in their respective flow charts. Clean Coal Composites were compiled where yield /ash SG cuts warranted.

In addition to the coal quality program, 11 samples were selected for petrographic analysis which was performed by VanPetro of Vancouver, BC, a subset of 5 samples was then analysed by ALS with an XRD. 31 geotechnical samples were collected over the summer and 16 of these were selected for rock strength testing by Golder Associates of Vancouver, BC. A total of 20 gas content samples were collected from multiple seams at three separate locations to characterise the ventilation requirements of potential mining operations.

Coal on the Groundhog Coalfield is anthracite in rank by the ASTM classification of coal rank with RoMax vitrinite values generally ranging from 3.83 to more than 5 percent.

The results show it is possible to clean the raw coal to less than 10% ash product with a calorific value around 7500Kcal/kg.

## RESOURCE ESTIMATION METHODOLOGY AND CUT-OFFS

The process for the estimation of the Coal Resources for the Groundhog Anthracite Project was undertaken by Mr Nick Gordon of Gordon Geotechniques. The Coal Resources were classified in accordance with the 2012 JORC Code.

The process comprised the following steps:

- Check the borehole logs, wireline logs and analytical data, and validate the data files used for developing the geological and coal quality models in the Minescape Software system.
- Develop a structural interpretation derived from the available data sets including the BC Government geological map, the outcrop data derived from surface mapping and the Atrum borehole seam intersections.
- Determine the appropriate distance criteria for the classification of the JORC Resource categories based on the consistency and continuity of the coal seams.
- Generate resource polygons for each seam based on the distance criteria above, the borehole locations and the coal outcrop data.

With the recent borehole data, the detail correlation of coal seams across the eastern part of BBM tenement has demonstrated a consistency and continuity of coal attributes on a seam basis. Based on this consistency of coal seam geology, the categorisation of the Resources is based upon the following observations:

- Measured Coal Resources are based on boreholes spaced up to 500m apart
- Indicated Coal Resources are based on boreholes spaced up to 1,000m apart
- Inferred Coal Resources are based on boreholes spaced up to 2,000m apart.

Coal resources have been estimated and reported according to resource classification in two large resource blocks – namely, Block “Res\_01” located on the eastern side of the Skeena River, and Block “Res\_02” located on the western side of the Skeena River. Resource blocks are limited by tenement outlines, a 100 metre offset from the Skeena River and by an interpreted fault boundary in the south east.

The large majority of historical and recent exploration has taken place in Block “Res\_02” and this is the focus of economic interest.

The following resource classification criteria were adopted:

- Points of observation for resource classification purposes were defined as cored drill hole intersections of seams with 80% or better core recovery and coal quality composites (at least raw coal moisture, ash and total sulphur) that pass all QA/QC checks. Interval correlations and thicknesses must also be supported by down-hole geophysics.
- The resource is classified as Measured if the distance between valid points of observation is less than 500m (effective maximum 250m radius around points of observation).
- The resource is classified as Indicated if the distance between valid points of observation is greater than 500m and less than 1,000m.
- The resource is classified as Inferred if the distance between valid points of observation is greater than 1,000m and less than 2,000m.
- At least two intersecting points of observation radii were required for classification (i.e. no isolated drill holes allocated areas of influence).

**TABLE 1 - SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND DATA (GROUNDHOG)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Sampling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Atrium Coal 2014 exploration program all coal seams intersected were sampled. Coal plies were sampled discretely on the basis of lithological characteristics and quality. All non-coal material and partings were included with the lower coal ply and noted in the lithological description. Non-coal interburden was sampled separately.</li> <li>The immediate roof and floor samples were submitted for geotechnical testing.</li> <li>All coal and roof and floor dilution samples were double bagged at site and marked with sample number, date, hole and project. These were retained on site until geophysical corrections confirmed representative core recovery of the seam and samples. The qualified samples were then transported to the laboratory via courier.</li> <li>Coal Quality samples from the Atrium Coal Drilling program were sent to Loring Laboratories and ALS Laboratories in Calgary and Vancouver, respectively.</li> <li>All coal quality samples were prepared and analysed using Canadian and International Standard testing methodologies.</li> </ul>
<b>Drilling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All coal quality holes were cored (partially or fully) using a HQ size core barrel producing a 63.3 mm core diameter.</li> <li>Large diameter drill holes for bulk material extraction were cored using a PQ size core barrel producing an 83.1 mm core diameter.</li> </ul>
<b>Drill sample recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An assessment of core recovery was completed by comparing the recovered thickness measured during geological logging and by the driller, to geophysical picked thicknesses from the geophysical logs.</li> <li>Volumetric analysis of samples was conducted on the Atrium Coal exploration program</li> <li>The analysis was based on sample mass received versus expected sample mass derived from sample length by core diameter by apparent Relative Density</li> <li>If sample mass was below 95% a separate exercise interrogating the linear recovery via photos and logs was undertaken to decide whether the sample could be included and not bias the results.</li> </ul>
<b>Logging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All core was geologically logged, marked and photographed before sampling. Geological and geotechnical features were identified and logged.</li> <li>All drill holes have been geophysical logged with a minimum density, calliper, gamma and verticality unless operational difficulties prevented full or partial logging of the drill hole.</li> <li>The calibration of the geophysical tools was conducted by the geophysical logging company. Century Wireline Services</li> </ul>
<b>Sub-sampling techniques and sample</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All core samples were double bagged on site and transported to the Laboratory for testing.</li> <li>Loring Laboratories and ALS Laboratories comply with</li> </ul>

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<b>preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</i></li> <li>• <i>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</i></li> <li>• <i>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</i></li> <li>• <i>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</i></li> <li>• <i>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian and International Standards for sample preparation and sub sampling.</li> <li>• Large wash samples were pre-treated and dry sized and various sizes before sample splitting and analysis. Proximate analysis was completed on a portion of the original sample.</li> <li>• Raw analysis procedure keeps 1/4 of the sample as reserve.</li> </ul>
<b>Quality of assay data and laboratory tests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</i></li> <li>• <i>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loring Laboratories and ALS Laboratories comply with the Canadian and International Standards for coal quality testing and are certified.</li> <li>• Geophysical tools were calibrated by the logging company Century Wireline Services.</li> <li>• The density measurement is calibrated to precise standards and where possible validated in a calibration hole.</li> </ul>
<b>Verification of sampling and assaying</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</i></li> <li>• <i>The use of twinned holes.</i></li> <li>• <i>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</i></li> <li>• <i>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loring Laboratories and ALS Laboratories comply with the Canadian and International Standards for coal quality testing and as such conduct the verifications for coal quality analysis outlined in the standards.</li> <li>• Coal Quality results were verified by Xstract Mining Consultants Pty Ltd before inclusion into the geological model and resource estimate.</li> <li>• No adjustments have been made to the Coal quality data.</li> </ul>
<b>Location of data points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</i></li> <li>• <i>Specification of the grid system used.</i></li> <li>• <i>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional Survey of the coal quality boreholes for the Atrum Coal exploration program was completed by DMT Geosciences.</li> </ul>
<b>Data spacing and distribution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</i></li> <li>• <i>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</i></li> <li>• <i>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data spacing sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity for inclusion as Inferred, Indicated and Measured Resource estimation procedures were employed.</li> <li>• Multiple samples were obtained for some seams within the Groundhog Project area. As such, where appropriate, sample compositing has been completed. Samples were weighted against sample thickness and in situ RD.</li> </ul>
<b>Orientation of data in relation to geological</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A combination of vertical and inclined drill holes were completed from the same drill pad to ensure that a suitable understanding of the geological structure and orientation</li> </ul>



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<b>structure</b>	<p><i>the deposit type.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</i></li> </ul>	<p>of the geology was captured.</p>
<b>Sample security</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample Security was ensured under a chain of custody between Atrum Coal personnel on site and Loring and ALS laboratories.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling was undertaken by Atrum Coal personnel. Loring and ALS undertook internal audits and checks in line with the Canadian and International standards</li> </ul>

**TABLE 2 - REPORTING OF EXPLORATION RESULTS (GROUNDHOG)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Mineral tenement and land tenure status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</i></li> <li><i>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal tenures relate to the Groundhog Anthracite project, which is 100% owned by Atrum Coal</li> <li>The project consists of 18 granted coal licences and 8 coal licence applications totalling 22,815 hectares</li> <li>Security of tenure is not compromised and there is no known impediments</li> </ul>
<b>Exploration done by other parties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration drilling within and in close proximity to the Groundhog project has been reviewed and evaluated for data purposes</li> </ul>
<b>Geology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Groundhog Project lies within the Bowser Basin.</li> <li>The Bowser Basin, which is the largest contiguous basin in the Canadian Cordillera, developed as a result of tectonic compression and uplift of the Coast Mountains during the Upper Jurassic.</li> <li>The dominant structural feature is the northwest-southeast trending Biernes Synclinorium. It resulted from northeast-southwest compression during the first phase of deformation ("F1"). Thrusting related to the F1 deformation is more intense in the southern part of the Groundhog Coalfield than in the northern part.</li> <li>The second, less intense, phase of deformation ("F2") resulted from northwest-southeast compression. The F2 deformation is superimposed on the broad, open type of F1 folding. The F2 imprint is visible in a series of plunge changes in the F1 folds in the order of up to 5°.</li> <li>F2 thrusts are generally flat lying and related to the hanging wall of drag folds. Displacement tends to be along bedding surfaces. The F2 fold structures superimposed on the major F1 synclinorium vary in wave length from 100 m to 700 m and vary in amplitude up to 100 m.</li> </ul>
<b>Drill hole Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All drill holes have been modelled from vertical, although hole deviation (from vertical) has been</li> </ul>

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	<p>tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>o elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>o dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>o down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>o hole length.</li> </ul> <p>• If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</p>	<p>recorded for all drill holes.</p>
<b>Data aggregation methods</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>• Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All seams where multiple coal quality samples were taken were given a composite coal quality value. This composite value was generated within the Minescape software and was weighted on thickness and in situ RD. In situ RD was only weighted against thickness.</li> </ul>
<b>Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>• If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>• If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The inclusion of boreholes from neighbouring areas has given the model a reasonable amount of lateral continuity in all directions.</li> <li>• Point of observation spacing has been extrapolated in a maximum of a 2,000 m radius from the drill hole.</li> <li>• Seam thicknesses have been corrected to geophysics to ensure accuracy</li> </ul>
<b>Diagrams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All appropriate diagrams are contained within the main body of the report</li> </ul>
<b>Balanced reporting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All available exploration data for the Groundhog Project area have been collated and reported.</li> </ul>
<b>Other substantive exploration data</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to): geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples - size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further exploration data were gathered and or utilised.</li> </ul>
<b>Further work</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>• Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further work consisting of additional drilling and seismic activity is being evaluated. The Company is currently planning an additional drilling program aimed at testing the continuity of the coal resources outside of the Groundhog</li> </ul>

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	and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.	North Mine area.

**TABLE 3 ESTIMATION AND REPORTING OF MINERAL RESOURCES (GROUNDHOG)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
<b>Database integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimates which form part of this report were based on drilling, trenching, and adit data collected, both recent and historical, mainly in the period from 1970 to 2014 by companies then active in the area now forming the Property, including Atrum Coal NL. Gordon Geotechniques completed a 100% validation of available current and historic work and created an independent database. The authors have reviewed the data for consistency and eliminated data that could not be constrained or confirmed in reports or government databases. The authors have concluded that work completed by the coal production and exploration companies was completed in a professional manner that was consistent with the data collection and reporting standards at that time.</li> <li>The historical reports used for this compilation included historic reserve and resource estimates that no longer meet NI 43-101 criteria.</li> <li>Current geological information utilised in the resource estimate include drilling and geophysical analysis as well as coal quality testing undertaken by Atrum Coal NL during the 2012, 2013 and 2014 exploration programs.</li> </ul>
<b>Site visits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gordon Geotechniques has undertaken several site visits to the Groundhog North Mine area.</li> <li>Several reviews were conducted of the field procedures and sampling practices, and they were deemed to be of an acceptable industry standard at the time of the visit.</li> </ul>
<b>Geological interpretation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.</li> <li>Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.</li> <li>The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Groundhog Project lies within the Bowser Basin.</li> <li>The Bowser Basin, which is the largest contiguous basin in the Canadian Cordillera, developed as a result of tectonic compression and uplift of the Coast Mountains during the Upper Jurassic.</li> <li>The dominant structural feature is the northwest-southeast trending Biernes Synclinorium. It resulted from northeast-southwest compression during the first phase of deformation ("F1"). Thrusting related to the F1 deformation is more intense in the southern part of the Groundhog Coalfield than in the northern part.</li> <li>The second, less intense, phase of deformation ("F2") resulted from northwest-southeast compression. The F2 deformation is superimposed on the broad, open type of F1 folding. The F2 imprint is visible in a series of plunge changes in the F1 folds in the order of up to 5°.</li> <li>F2 thrusts are generally flat lying and related to the hanging wall of drag folds. Displacement tends to be along bedding surfaces. The F2 fold structures superimposed on the major F1 synclinorium vary in wave length from 100 m to 700 m and vary in amplitude up to 100 m.</li> </ul>
<b>Dimensions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Groundhog North area a reportable JORC resource has been determined for the points of observation with both quality and thickness data. For</li> </ul>

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	<i>lower limits of the Mineral Resource.</i>	<p>the purposes of this resource assessment, quality data has been applied to all 2014 drilling points of observation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the estimate of the coal resource in the Groundhog North area, the following constraints have been used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100m offset from the Skeena River. Resources to the east of the Skeena are not included.</li> <li>Measured resource extrapolated 500m from points of observation.</li> <li>Indicated resource extrapolated 1,000m from points of observation.</li> <li>Inferred resource extrapolated 2,000m from points of observation.</li> <li>A maximum of 0.3m stone parting.</li> <li>A minimum 0.4m mining thickness for open cut mining at &lt;300m depth.</li> <li>A minimum 1m mining thickness for underground mining at &gt;300m depth. The 300m depth cut off for open cut mining equates to a strip ratio of 17 based on an average of 5.7m of cumulative coal per 100m.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The total coal resource for the Groundhog North area using these constraints is estimated to be 609.2Mt. This compares to 305.2Mt estimated in May 2014. The significant increase in coal resource is due to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition of the Anglo-Pacific licences to the west.</li> <li>Inclusion of seams 30, 35 and 90 based on both quality and thickness data</li> <li>Increasing the constraint for open cut mining from a depth of 100m (May 2014) to 300m, for a maximum strip ratio of 17.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Estimation and modelling techniques</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</i></li> <li><i>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</i></li> <li><i>The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</i></li> <li><i>Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</i></li> <li><i>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</i></li> <li><i>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</i></li> <li><i>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</i></li> <li><i>Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</i></li> <li><i>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Import data into the mining software package.</li> <li>Create fault surface triangulations using surface and subsurface fault traces as well as fault/drillhole intersections.</li> <li>Correlate drill holes, trenches, adits and surface exposures on or directly adjacent to the Property.</li> <li>Create final fault blocks by applying a Boolean Test to a blank fault block solid using the fault surface triangulations.</li> <li>Grid the topography and base of weathering triangulation surfaces.</li> <li>Create seam grids and triangulations in Model Stratigraphy using the FixDHD Mapfiles, topography grid, and base of weathering grid. Seam grids were cropped against the base of weathering grid to remove oxidized coal.</li> <li>Create HARP (Horizon Adaptive Rectangular Prism) block models for each sub area using the parting and thickness grids as qualities. Blocks were 25 m x 25 m with a sub-blocking of 2 (x and y directions).</li> <li>Create coal/parting fraction attributes for each seam in the HARP and populate it using the quality grids (coal thickness/aggregate seam thickness).</li> <li>Classify block confidence using the distance of the block centroid to the nearest data point</li> <li>Determine the cumulative stripping ratio for each block of coal within the model (total volume of waste/total tonnage of product).</li> <li>Constrain resource estimation by the current expanded Lease boundaries.</li> <li>Constrain resource estimation to seam thickness greater than 0.4 m (open cut) or 1m (underground).</li> </ul>

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	<p>cutting or capping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</li> </ul>	
<b>Moisture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tonnages are reported on an As Received Basis with natural moisture included. The moisture content is determined from the results of Proximate Analysis laboratory testing.</li> </ul>
<b>Cut-off parameters</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimate was made using a minimum thickness of 0.4m (open cut) or 1m (underground).</li> </ul>
<b>Mining factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Atrum is currently undertaking engineering studies and mine planning analysis. Initial mine extraction method is shallow adit underground mining with mini-long wall extraction following initial bord and pillar early workings.</li> </ul>
<b>Metallurgical factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent quality analysis had been completed for each of the resource areas. Sampling programs included HQ diameter core samples, adit channel samples, and adit bulk samples. Analytical and petrographic analyses were completed at A.S.T.M certified labs. Core intervals containing coal were sampled using project-defined procedures, processed as raw and clean core samples, and analysed.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental factors or assumptions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional work is required to be undertaken by Atrum.</li> </ul>
<b>Bulk density</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</li> <li>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</li> <li>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A constant bulk density value was assumed across the property and was determined from the coal rank and average ash contents as defined in GSC 88-21. A bulk density of 1.65 g/cm<sup>3</sup> was used.</li> </ul>



Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	materials.	
<b>Classification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</li> <li>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).</li> <li>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimate has been compiled according to the JORC 2012 guidelines applicable at the time and relevant to the Groundhog Project.</li> <li>The resource estimate has been categorised according to JORC Measured, Indicated and Inferred.</li> </ul>
<b>Audits or reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An internal Company review of the Resource and the associated Technical Reports was undertaken prior to the public release of this information.</li> </ul>
<b>Discussion of relative accuracy/confidence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</li> <li>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</li> <li>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The categories of the resource in accordance with the JORC 2012 guidelines were considered acceptable by the Qualified Person during the classification of the resources.</li> </ul>

**TABLE 1 - SAMPLING TECHNIQUES AND DATA (ELAN PROJECT)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature and quality of sampling (eg cut channels, random chips, or specific specialised industry standard measurement tools appropriate to the minerals under investigation, such as down hole gamma sondes, or handheld XRF instruments, etc). These examples should not be taken as limiting the broad meaning of sampling.</li> <li>Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.</li> <li>Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report.</li> <li>In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (eg 'reverse circulation drilling was used to obtain 1 m samples from which 3 kg was pulverised to produce a 30 g charge for fire assay'). In other cases more explanation may be required, such as where there is coarse gold that has inherent sampling problems. Unusual commodities or mineralisation types (eg submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All coal seams intersected were sampled. Coal plies were sampled discretely on the basis of lithological characteristics and quality. All non-coal material and partings were included with the lower coal ply and noted in the lithological description. Non-coal interburden was sampled separately.</li> <li>The immediate roof and floor samples were submitted for geotechnical testing.</li> <li>All coal and roof and floor dilution samples were double bagged at site and marked with sample number, date, hole and project. These were retained on site until geophysical corrections confirmed representative core recovery of the seam and samples. The qualified samples were then transported to the laboratory via courier.</li> <li>Coal Quality samples from the drilling program were sent to Loring Laboratories and Birtley Engineering (Canada) Ltd in Calgary.</li> <li>All coal quality samples were prepared and analysed using Canadian and International Standard testing methodologies.</li> </ul>
Drilling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drill type (eg core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (eg core diameter, triple or standard tube, depth of diamond tails, face-sampling bit or other type, whether core is oriented and if so, by what method, etc).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All coal quality holes were cored (partially or fully) using a HQ size core barrel producing a 63.3 mm core diameter.</li> <li>Large diameter drill holes for bulk material extraction were cored using a PQ size core barrel producing an 83.1 mm core diameter.</li> </ul>
Drill sample recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed.</li> <li>Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples.</li> <li>Whether a relationship exists between sample recovery and grade and whether sample bias may have occurred due to preferential loss/gain of fine/coarse material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An assessment of core recovery was completed by comparing the recovered thickness measured during geological logging and by the driller, to geophysical picked thicknesses from the geophysical logs.</li> <li>Volumetric analysis of samples was conducted on the exploration program</li> <li>The analysis was based on sample mass received versus expected sample mass derived from sample length by core diameter by apparent Relative Density</li> <li>If sample mass was below 95% a separate exercise interrogating the linear recovery via photos and logs was undertaken to decide whether the sample could be included and not bias the results.</li> </ul>
Logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether core and chip samples have been geologically and geotechnically logged to a level of detail to support appropriate Mineral Resource estimation, mining studies and metallurgical studies.</li> <li>Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.</li> <li>The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All core was geologically logged, marked and photographed before sampling. Geological and geotechnical features were identified and logged.</li> <li>All drill holes have been geophysical logged with a minimum density, calliper, gamma and verticality unless operational difficulties prevented full or partial logging of the drill hole.</li> <li>The calibration of the geophysical tools was conducted by the geophysical logging company.</li> </ul>
Sub-sampling techniques and sample preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.</li> <li>If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.</li> <li>For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All core samples were double bagged on site and transported to the Laboratory for testing.</li> <li>Loring Laboratories and Birtley Engineering (Canada) comply with Canadian and International Standards for sample preparation and sub sampling.</li> <li>Large wash samples were pre-treated and dry sized and various sizes before sample splitting and analysis. Proximate analysis was completed on a portion of the original sample.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.</li> <li>Measures taken to ensure that the sampling is representative of the in situ material collected, including for instance results for field duplicate/second-half sampling.</li> <li>Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raw analysis procedure keeps ½ of the sample as reserve.</li> </ul>
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.</li> <li>For geophysical tools, spectrometers, handheld XRF instruments, etc, the parameters used in determining the analysis including instrument make and model, reading times, calibrations factors applied and their derivation, etc.</li> <li>Nature of quality control procedures adopted (eg standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (ie lack of bias) and precision have been established.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loring Laboratories and Birtley Engineering (Canada) comply with the Canadian and International Standards for coal quality testing and are certified.</li> <li>Geophysical tools were calibrated by the logging company.</li> <li>The density measurement is calibrated to precise standards and where possible validated in a calibration hole.</li> </ul>
Verification of sampling and assaying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.</li> <li>The use of twinned holes.</li> <li>Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.</li> <li>Discuss any adjustment to assay data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loring Laboratories and Birtley Engineering (Canada) comply with the Canadian and International Standards for coal quality testing and as such conduct the verifications for coal quality analysis outlined in the standards.</li> <li>Coal Quality results were verified by Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd before inclusion into the geological model and resource estimate.</li> <li>No adjustments have been made to the Coal quality data.</li> </ul>
Location of data points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drill holes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.</li> <li>Specification of the grid system used.</li> <li>Quality and adequacy of topographic control.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Professional Survey of the coal quality boreholes for the exploration program was completed by Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd.</li> </ul>
Data spacing and distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>Whether the data spacing and distribution is sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity appropriate for the Mineral Resource and Ore Reserve estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.</li> <li>Whether sample compositing has been applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data spacing sufficient to establish the degree of geological and grade continuity for inclusion as Inferred and Indicated Resource estimation procedures were employed.</li> <li>Multiple samples were obtained for some seams within the Elan Project area. As such, where appropriate, sample compositing has been completed. Samples were weighted against sample thickness and in situ RD.</li> </ul>
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.</li> <li>If the relationship between the drilling orientation and the orientation of key mineralised structures is considered to have introduced a sampling bias, this should be assessed and reported if material.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A combination of vertical and inclined drill holes were completed from the same drill pad to ensure that a suitable understanding of the geological structure and orientation of the geology was captured.</li> </ul>
Sample security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The measures taken to ensure sample security.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sample Security was ensured under a chain of custody between Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd personnel on site and Loring and Birtley Engineering (Canada).</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sampling was undertaken by Dahrouge Geological Consulting Ltd personnel. Loring and Birtley Engineering (Canada) undertook internal audits and checks in line with the Canadian and International standards</li> </ul>

**TABLE 2 - REPORTING OF EXPLORATION RESULTS (ELAN PROJECT)**

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral tenement and land tenure status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Type, reference name/number, location and ownership including agreements or material issues with third parties such as joint ventures, partnerships, overriding royalties, native title interests, historical sites, wilderness or national park and environmental settings.</li> <li>The security of the tenure held at the time of reporting along with any known impediments to obtaining a licence to operate in the area.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coal tenures relate to the Elan project, which is the subject of the joint venture between Kuro and Elan, whereby Elan has the right to acquire up to a 70% interest in the project.</li> <li>The project consists of 27 Alberta Crown Coal Lease applications totalling 22,951 hectares</li> <li>Security of tenure is not compromised and there is no known impediments</li> </ul>
Exploration done by other parties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledgment and appraisal of exploration by other parties.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exploration drilling within and in close proximity to the Elan project has been reviewed and evaluated for data purposes</li> </ul>
Geology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Deposit type, geological setting and style of mineralisation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Project lies within the Front Ranges of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in the Crowsnest Pass area and spans the north-trending, west-dipping, Coleman, McConnell and Isolation thrust sheets. Stratigraphy on these thrust sheets is highly deformed due to fault splays that displace strata up to 10 km, and from complex folding (McDonald et al., 1989). The Crowsnest Pass area is characterized by Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous rocks of the Fernie, Blairmore and Kootenay Groups, and the Crowsnest Formation. In the Crowsnest Pass area, economic coal potential exists in the Kootenay Group, which is unconformably overlain by pebble conglomerates of the Cadomin Formation of the Blairmore Group. The Kootenay Group has a maximum thickness of 1,100 m near Sparwood, thins eastward and grades into the Nikanassin Formation near the North Saskatchewan River (Stockmal et al., 2001).</li> <li>The Late Jurassic to Early Cretaceous Kootenay Group is subdivided into three formations, the Morrissey, Mist Mountain, and Elk formations; however, in the Crowsnest Pass area, the Elk Formation is absent due to erosion and/or thinning. Faulting and folding in the Crowsnest Pass area make confirmation of the number of coal seams difficult. Historical drilling on and near the Project suggests there are 10 to 16 coal seams that range from 3 to 10 m in thickness, many with economic potential (Kim, 1976).</li> <li>Stratigraphy in the Crowsnest Pass area has been subjected to first and second order faulting, as well as complex folding. The major faults, the Coleman, McConnell and Livingstone thrusts, trend north and dip to the west at 08°, and displace the stratigraphy approximately 9.5 km eastward. Major folds, including the Crowsnest Syncline and Allison Anticline (Rushton et al., 1972), also trend north. Secondary local thrusts trend north, and occur within each thrust sheet, resulting in local structure units or packages affecting the coal seam thickness and occurrence</li> <li>Ten coal seams have been correlated in the Isolation South (OMR) and Isolation areas on the McConnell Thrust sheet. These are labeled S1 through S10, from lowest to highest stratigraphically. Seams S5, S7, and S8 have the most economic potential as they are relatively thick and extensive. Three coal seams have been identified on the Coleman Thrust sheet but do not seem to correlate with the other identified seams. Ten coal seams have been identified on the Livingstone Thrust sheet north of Grassy Mountain, three of which (Seam</li> </ul>

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		S6, S7A, and S7b) carry most of the resource and are probably correlateable with the seams at Grassy Mountain. Coal rank is low- to medium-volatile bituminous with variable but generally moderate ash content, good washability, and good coking properties.
Drill hole Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A summary of all information material to the understanding of the exploration results including a tabulation of the following information for all Material drill holes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>easting and northing of the drill hole collar</li> <li>elevation or RL (Reduced Level - elevation above sea level in metres) of the drill hole collar</li> <li>dip and azimuth of the hole</li> <li>down hole length and interception depth</li> <li>hole length.</li> </ul> </li> <li>If the exclusion of this information is justified on the basis that the information is not Material and this exclusion does not detract from the understanding of the report, the Competent Person should clearly explain why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All drill holes have been modelled from vertical, although hole deviation (from vertical) has been recorded for all drill holes.</li> </ul>
Data aggregation methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In reporting Exploration Results, weighting averaging techniques, maximum and/or minimum grade truncations (eg cutting of high grades) and cut-off grades are usually Material and should be stated.</li> <li>Where aggregate intercepts incorporate short lengths of high grade results and longer lengths of low grade results, the procedure used for such aggregation should be stated and some typical examples of such aggregations should be shown in detail.</li> <li>The assumptions used for any reporting of metal equivalent values should be clearly stated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All seams where multiple coal quality samples were taken were given a composite coal quality value. This composite value was generated within the Maptek Vulcan 8.2™ software and was weighted on thickness and in situ RD. In situ RD was only weighted against thickness.</li> </ul>
Relationship between mineralisation widths and intercept lengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These relationships are particularly important in the reporting of Exploration Results.</li> <li>If the geometry of the mineralisation with respect to the drill hole angle is known, its nature should be reported.</li> <li>If it is not known and only the down hole lengths are reported, there should be a clear statement to this effect (eg 'down hole length, true width not known').</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The inclusion of boreholes from neighbouring areas has given the model a reasonable amount of lateral continuity in all directions.</li> <li>Point of observation spacing has been extrapolated in a maximum of a 200 m radius from the drill hole.</li> <li>Seam thicknesses have been corrected to geophysics to ensure accuracy</li> </ul>
Diagrams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appropriate maps and sections (with scales) and tabulations of intercepts should be included for any significant discovery being reported. These should include, but not be limited to a plan view of drill hole collar locations and appropriate sectional views.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All appropriate diagrams are contained within the main body of the report</li> </ul>
Balanced reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where comprehensive reporting of all Exploration Results is not practicable, representative reporting of both low and high grades and/or widths should be practiced to avoid misleading reporting of Exploration Results.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All available exploration data for the Elan Project area have been collated and reported.</li> </ul>
Other substantive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other exploration data, if meaningful and material, should be reported including (but not limited to):</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further exploration data was gathered and/or utilised.</li> </ul>



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exploration data	geological observations; geophysical survey results; geochemical survey results; bulk samples – size and method of treatment; metallurgical test results; bulk density, groundwater, geotechnical and rock characteristics; potential deleterious or contaminating substances.	
Further work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and scale of planned further work (eg tests for lateral extensions or depth extensions or large-scale step-out drilling).</li> <li>Diagrams clearly highlighting the areas of possible extensions, including the main geological interpretations and future drilling areas, provided this information is not commercially sensitive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Further work consisting of additional drilling and seismic activity is being evaluated.</li> </ul>

### SECTION 3 ESTIMATION AND REPORTING OF MINERAL RESOURCES (ELAN PROJECT)

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Database integrity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measures taken to ensure that data has not been corrupted by, for example, transcription or keying errors, between its initial collection and its use for Mineral Resource estimation purposes.</li> <li>Data validation procedures used.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimates which form part of this report were based on historical drilling, trenching, and adit data collected mainly in the period from 1969 to 1976 by companies then active in the area now forming the Property. Dahrouge completed a 100% validation of available historic work and created an independent database. The data sets, including analytical data, are incomplete in some instances, and analytical certificates and details of QA/QC programs were not necessarily included in the summary reporting. Not all data addressed in summary reports could be located by Dahrouge and could not be utilized in this report. The authors have reviewed the data for consistency between the different projects and companies, and eliminated data that could not be constrained or confirmed in reports or government databases. The authors have concluded that work completed by the coal production and exploration companies was completed in a professional manner that was consistent with the data collection and reporting standards at that time.</li> <li>The historical reports used for this compilation included historic reserve and resource estimates that no longer meet NI 43-101 criteria. While the authors have presented and reviewed the methods and results of these estimates, they should be considered historical and used only for comparison to resource estimates presented in this report. Variations in available data density and quality used for these estimates have led the authors to report inferred and indicated resources only, and to present the balance of coal in place as exploration targets. Confirmatory and further exploration drilling are required to validate these estimates.</li> </ul>
Site visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on any site visits undertaken by the Competent Person and the outcome of those visits.</li> <li>If no site visits have been undertaken indicate why this is the case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dahrouge has undertaken several site visits to the Elan project.</li> <li>Several reviews were conducted of the field procedures and sampling practices, and they were deemed to be of an acceptable industry standard at the time of the visit.</li> </ul>

*Geological interpretation*

- *Confidence in (or conversely, the uncertainty of) the geological interpretation of the mineral deposit.*
  - *Nature of the data used and of any assumptions made.*
  - *The effect, if any, of alternative interpretations on Mineral Resource estimation.*
  - *The use of geology in guiding and controlling Mineral Resource estimation.*
  - *The factors affecting continuity both of grade and geology.*
- The Project lies within the Front Ranges of the Canadian Rocky Mountains in the Crowsnest Pass area and spans the north-trending, west-dipping, Coleman, McConnell and Isolation thrust sheets. Stratigraphy on these thrust sheets is highly deformed due to fault splays that displace strata up to 10 km, and from complex folding (McDonald et al., 1989). The Crowsnest Pass area is characterized by Jurassic to Lower Cretaceous rocks of the Fernie, Blairmore and Kootenay Groups, and the Crowsnest Formation. In the Crowsnest Pass area, economic coal potential exists in the Kootenay Group, which is disconformably overlain by pebble conglomerates of the Cadomin Formation of the Blairmore Group. The Kootenay Group has a maximum thickness of 1,100 m near Sparwood, thins eastward and grades into the Nikanassin Formation near the North Saskatchewan River (Stockmal et al., 2001).
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  - Stratigraphy in the Crowsnest Pass area has been subjected to first and second order faulting, as well as complex folding. The major faults, the Coleman, McConnell and Livingstone thrusts, trend north and dip to the west at 08°, and displace the stratigraphy approximately 9.5 km eastward. Major folds, including the Crowsnest Syncline and Allison Anticline (Rushton et al., 1972), also trend north. Secondary local thrusts trend north, and occur within each thrust sheet, resulting in local structure units or packages affecting the coal seam thickness and occurrence.
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#### Dimensions

- The extent and variability of the Mineral Resource expressed as length (along strike or otherwise), plan width, and depth below surface to the upper and lower limits of the Mineral Resource.
- The Honeymoon structure unit is a large north-south trending anticline that extends for over 10 km and flattens out to the south, where it forms the west limb of the Isolation Syncline (Kim, 1976). Limbs dip to the west at 60-90° and, where overturned, at 25-45° to the west. Five to seven coal seams have been identified in the Honeymoon structure unit. Throughout the structure unit, the three main seams range in thickness from 1 to 10.2 m with partings between 0.2 to 0.9 m thick.
- The Isolation structure unit is an asymmetric syncline. The east limb dips west at 30-40° and forms several prominent ridges and hills, including Isolation Ridge, Knoll Hill, and Forepeak Ridge. The west limb dips 25-45° and forms the east limb of the Honeymoon Anticline. In the Isolation structure unit, the Kootenay Group ranges from 213 to 244 m in thickness. Three coal seams have been identified in the northern part of the structure unit and range in thickness from 0.1 to 7.9 m, with parting thicknesses between 0.45 and 0.60 m.
- The Coaltop structure unit is a west-dipping (45°) tabular unit with westerly dipping faults throughout that commonly truncate the coal seams. Locally, coal seams are thickened to 18 m by a subsurface syncline. This structure unit continues to the west for 4.8 km and forms several prominent hills including Tomorrow Hill, Coaltop Hill and Poncho Hill.
- The Outlook Ridge structure unit is an anticline-syncline pair that has been separated; the anticline is now thrust overtop of the syncline. Limbs of this structure are west-dipping at 50-60° and are occasionally overturned. Coal seams range from 5.3 to 13.5 m in thickness with parting thicknesses ranging from 0.09 to 3.84 m. The coal seams are interpreted to be up to twice their original thickness as a result of the complex thrusting.
- The Twin Ridge structure unit is characterized by abundant tight folding and fracturing of the stratigraphy. Extensive, high-grade coal seams are rare; however, the high-grade seams range from <1 m to 8 m in thickness with parting thicknesses ranging from 0 to 2.8 m.
- The Cabin structure unit is located south of the Twin Ridge structure, but due to structural simplicity, it is separated into its own entity. It is comprised of the eastern limb of the Syncline Hill syncline, which has an extensive Blairmore conglomerate and Kootenay sandstone contact. Limb steepness varies from 50-60° in the north to 75° in the south. There may be economic coal potential in the Cabin structure; however, this structure unit lacks the historic drilling and geological data to correlate seams from the Twin Ridge structure unit.
- A number of other, predominantly unnamed thrust faults, including Station Creek, occur within the Property on the Livingstone Thrust; however, no related structure units have been characterized. The Coleman (Savanna Area) and Livingstone thrust sheets have simpler structure than the McConnell thrust sheet, as they have fewer documented secondary folds and faults, in addition to a lack of significant displacement.

Estimation and modelling techniques	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The nature and appropriateness of the estimation technique(s) applied and key assumptions, including treatment of extreme grade values, domaining, interpolation parameters and maximum distance of extrapolation from data points. If a computer assisted estimation method was chosen include a description of computer software and parameters used.</li> <li>The availability of check estimates, previous estimates and/or mine production records and whether the Mineral Resource estimate takes appropriate account of such data.</li> <li>The assumptions made regarding recovery of by-products.</li> <li>Estimation of deleterious elements or other non-grade variables of economic significance (eg sulphur for acid mine drainage characterisation).</li> <li>In the case of block model interpolation, the block size in relation to the average sample spacing and the search employed.</li> <li>Any assumptions behind modelling of selective mining units.</li> <li>Any assumptions about correlation between variables.</li> <li>Description of how the geological interpretation was used to control the resource estimates.</li> <li>Discussion of basis for using or not using grade cutting or capping.</li> <li>The process of validation, the checking process used, the comparison of model data to drill hole data, and use of reconciliation data if available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Import data into the mining software package (Maptek Vulcan 8.2™).</li> <li>Create fault surface triangulations using surface and subsurface fault traces as well as fault/drillhole intersections.</li> <li>Correlate drill holes, trenches, adits and surface exposures on or directly adjacent to the Property.</li> <li>Create final fault blocks by applying a Boolean Test to a blank fault block solid using the fault surface triangulations.</li> <li>Grid the topography and base of weathering triangulation surfaces. Base of weathering was created 10 m below topography in the Isolation South (OMR), Savanna, and Livingstone areas and 15 m below topography in the Isolation Area.</li> <li>Create seam grids and triangulations in Model Stratigraphy using the FixDHD Mapfiles, topography grid, and base of weathering grid. Seam grids were cropped against the base of weathering grid to remove oxidized coal.</li> <li>Create HARP (Horizon Adaptive Rectangular Prism) block models for each sub area using the parting and thickness grids as qualities. Blocks were 25 m x 25 m with a sub-blocking of 2 (x and y directions) except in the Livingstone area where blocks were 100 m x 100 m with a sub-blocking of 2.</li> <li>Create coal/parting fraction attributes for each seam in the HARP and populate it using the quality grids (coal thickness/aggregate seam thickness).</li> <li>Classify block confidence using the distance of the block centroid to the nearest data point</li> <li>Determine the cumulative stripping ratio for each block of coal within the model (total volume of waste/total tonnage of product).</li> <li>Constrain resource estimation by the current Elan Lease boundaries.</li> <li>Constrain resource estimation to seam thickness greater than 0.5 m for indicated and inferred classification.</li> </ul>
Moisture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether the tonnages are estimated on a dry basis or with natural moisture, and the method of determination of the moisture content.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The tonnages are reported on an As Received Basis with natural moisture included. The moisture content is determined from the results of Proximate Analysis laboratory testing.</li> </ul>
Cut-off parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis of the adopted cut-off grade(s) or quality parameters applied.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimate was made using a minimum thickness of 0.5m</li> </ul>
Mining factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumptions made regarding possible mining methods, minimum mining dimensions and internal (or, if applicable, external) mining dilution. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential mining methods, but the assumptions made regarding mining methods and parameters when estimating Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the mining assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional work is required to be undertaken by Kuro as part of the Joint Venture.</li> </ul>
Metallurgical factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis for assumptions or predictions regarding metallurgical amenability. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider potential metallurgical methods, but the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Independent quality analysis had been completed for each of the defined historic resource areas, Isolation South (OMR), Isolation, and Savanna. Sampling programs included HQ diameter core samples, adit channel samples, and adit bulk samples. Analytical and</li> </ul>

	assumptions regarding metallurgical treatment processes and parameters made when reporting Mineral Resources may not always be rigorous. Where this is the case, this should be reported with an explanation of the basis of the metallurgical assumptions made.	petrographic analyses were completed at A.S.T.M certified labs; however, the analyses predate the current ISO laboratory certification requirements. Core intervals containing coal were sampled using project-defined procedures (Figure 11-1 to 11-5), processed as raw and clean core samples, and analysed.
Environmental factors or assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assumptions made regarding possible waste and process residue disposal options. It is always necessary as part of the process of determining reasonable prospects for eventual economic extraction to consider the potential environmental impacts of the mining and processing operation. While at this stage the determination of potential environmental impacts, particularly for a greenfields project, may not always be well advanced, the status of early consideration of these potential environmental impacts should be reported. Where these aspects have not been considered this should be reported with an explanation of the environmental assumptions made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional work is required to be undertaken by Kuro as part of the Joint Venture.</li> </ul>
Bulk density	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whether assumed or determined. If assumed, the basis for the assumptions. If determined, the method used, whether wet or dry, the frequency of the measurements, the nature, size and representativeness of the samples.</li> <li>The bulk density for bulk material must have been measured by methods that adequately account for void spaces (vugs, porosity, etc), moisture and differences between rock and alteration zones within the deposit.</li> <li>Discuss assumptions for bulk density estimates used in the evaluation process of the different materials.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Historic density information for deposits on the Property is relatively sparse. A constant bulk density value was assumed across the property and was determined from the coal rank and average ash contents as defined in GSC 88-21. Average dried ash content was determined to be 15-20 percent by weight, with a rank classification of low-medium volatile bituminous coal. This produced a bulk density of 1.44 g/cm<sup>3</sup>.</li> </ul>
Classification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The basis for the classification of the Mineral Resources into varying confidence categories.</li> <li>Whether appropriate account has been taken of all relevant factors (ie relative confidence in tonnage/grade estimations, reliability of input data, confidence in continuity of geology and metal values, quality, quantity and distribution of the data).</li> <li>Whether the result appropriately reflects the Competent Person's view of the deposit.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The resource estimate has been compiled according to the JORC 2012 guidelines applicable at the time and relevant to the Elan Project.</li> <li>The resource estimate has been categorised according to JORC Indicated and Inferred and the associated Exploration Target.</li> </ul>
Audits or reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The results of any audits or reviews of Mineral Resource estimates.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An internal Company review of the Resource and the associated Technical Reports was undertaken prior to the public release of this information.</li> </ul>
Discussion of relative accuracy/ confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where appropriate a statement of the relative accuracy and confidence level in the Mineral Resource estimate using an approach or procedure deemed appropriate by the Competent Person. For example, the application of statistical or geostatistical procedures to quantify the relative accuracy of the resource within stated confidence limits, or, if such an approach is not deemed appropriate, a qualitative discussion of the factors that could affect the relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate.</li> <li>The statement should specify whether it relates to global or local estimates, and, if local, state the relevant tonnages, which should be relevant to technical and economic evaluation. Documentation should include assumptions made and the procedures used.</li> <li>These statements of relative accuracy and confidence of the estimate should be compared with production data, where available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The categories of the resource in accordance with the JORC 2012 guidelines were considered acceptable by the Qualified Person during the classification of the resources.</li> </ul>