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Additional Information included in ASX Announcement

We refer to the ASX announcement "Ovoot's Premium Fat Coking Coal Category Confirmed Customer Validation Process Commences" issued by Aspire Mining Limited (AKM) dated 27 May 2021 and note that the announcement did not include the JORC 2012 Table 1 Sections 1 and 2 relevant to the sample preparation.

Attached is a revised version of the announcement with the below changes:

- 1. Insertion of a footnote reference to JORC 2012 Table 1 the at the bottom of page 1; and
- 2. Inclusion of a Competent Person Statement and JORC 2012 Table 1 Sections 1 and 2 at Annexure A.

This announcement is authorised for release by the Chairman.

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Ovoot's Premium Fat Coking Coal Category Confirmed Customer Validation Process Commences

Aspire Mining Limited (ASX: **AKM**, the **Company** or **Aspire**) is focused on the development of metallurgical coal assets in Mongolia, principally the wholly owned Ovoot Coking Coal Project (**OCCP**).

The Company has recently received fresh laboratory results based on an indicative Ovoot sample confirming previous results indicating that Ovoot is a high quality Fat Coking Coal.

Summary

- The Company has received laboratory test results from SGS's Tianjin Laboratory based on a 60 kg sample of indicative Ovoot Coking Coal. The key results are consistent with earlier laboratory tests and reaffirm the attractiveness of Ovoot Fat Coking Coal as having outstanding caking, fluidity and plastic properties across a wide temperature range.
- The Company has hired Mr Ross Brims, an experienced coal processing and technology expert to manage the Coal's certification process for Chinese steel mills. The Ovoot Coking Coal would comfortably fit within the highest category for Fat Coking Coals within the Chinese Coal classification system.
- Fat coking coals are used to blend with other coking coals with lower coking properties
 making up around 5% to 10% of the total blend, allowing for a reduced reliance on prime
 hard coking coals in the blend.
- The Company will now engage with Chinese and Russian technical institutes and steel mills to confirm value in use.

Fat Coking Coal Test Results

A 60 kg sample¹ of fresh coking coal indicative of Ovoot's Upper Seam which will be the focus of the Ovoot Early Development Project was tested by SGS in Tianjin China with the key results listed in Table 1 below.

1 See Annexure A for JORC 2012 Table 1 for details on the sampling techniques, data and results.

Test Item	Base	Unit	Result	Fat Coal Range
Volatile Matter	daf	%	32.6	28 – 37
Max Plastic Layer – Y Index		mm	32	+25
Caking Index - G			101	+85
Max Dilatation (higher better)		%	269	+220

Table 1 : Summary of Results

Mr Ross Brims has recently been appointed as the Company's coal processing adviser and coal technologist. He has had significant experience in coal processing in Australia, China and Mongolia as well as experience in pre-qualification of coking coals into the China Market.

After reviewing the SGS Tianjin data Mr Brims confirmed that "in my view and after reviewing all of the current and historical data, Ovoot would be expected to be classified at the highest category of fat coking coals available to the Chinese steel industry."

Under the Chinese coking coal classification system, Ovoot's coal would be classified as FM 36# Metabituminous Coal.

Classification of Bituminous Coal

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Classification	Code	Number V _{daf} /%	V _{daf} /%	G	Y/mm	b/%
Meagre Coal	PM	11	>10.0~20.0	≤5		
Meagre Lean Coal	PS	12	>10.0~20.0	>5~20		
Lean Coal	SM	13	>10.0~20.0	>20~50		
	21/1	14	>10.0~20.0	>50~65		5/% ≤150 ≤150 >150 >150 >150 >220
Coking Coal		15	>10.0~20.0	>65	≤25.0	≤150
	JM	24	>20.0~28.0	>50~65		
		25	>20.0~28.0	>65	≤25.0	≤150
Metabituminous Coal		16	>10.0~20.0	>85	>25.0	>150
	FM	26	>20.0~28.0	>85	>25.0	>150
		36	>28.0~37.0	>85	>25.0	>220

GB\T 5751-2009 Chinese Classification of Coals

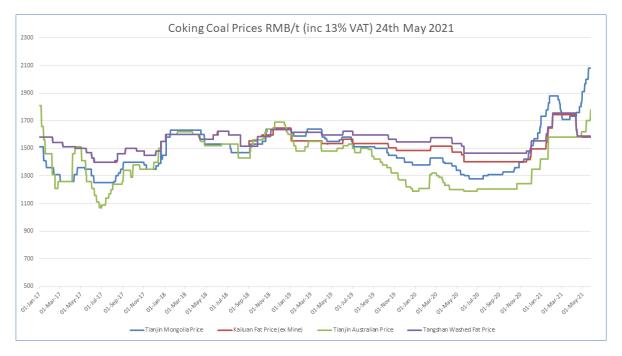
Ovoot Coking Coal also fits within the Fat (Zh) and Coking Fat (KZh) coking coal categories within the Russian coal classification system.

The characteristics that make a fat coal important to add to blends include the wide plastic range, in that it is able to blend with numerous other types of coals with narrower melting ranges. As well it has very high fluidity which allows for the coal to mix well with the other coals in the batch. Finally the plastic layer (Y Index) effectively bonds particles from other coals, the thicker the plastic layer the better.

The characteristics that make a fat coal an integral component of a coke blend include a wide plastic range (>95°C) whereby it remains plastic longer and bonds with other blend components that have already resolidified. Whilst in this plastic range it exhibits a high level of fluidity allowing the plastic fluid to mix through the blend and encapsulate the inert components. The greater the volume of plastic material produced (as indicated by upper end of Y Index: 25 - 35mm), the greater the capacity to "carry" a higher load of inert components.

High quality fat coking coals have an important value in use in the Chinese steel industry, particularly at present with import limitations being put on Australian hard coking coals. China is not self sufficient in sourcing hard coking coals and since 2009 has relied on imports to make up the shortfall. Adding quality fat coking coals allows steel mills to add lower quality coking coals into the batch, more than what hard coking coals could carry to make quality coke. Fat coking coals like Ovoot's would be used between 5% to 10% of a coke batch in order to support the carrying ability of the limited supply of prime hard coking coals.

Fat coking coals are priced at around the same as hard coking coals in Tianjin China as the following 5 year price chart shows.



Source: sxcoal.com

The Company will now work with Chinese and Russian institutes to pre-qualify the coal prior to marketing activities commencing.

The Company's Chairman Mr David Paull noted that: "The receipt of these test results was a reminder of the high quality fat coking coal that the world class Ovoot Coking Coal Project can produce. This coal has previously been well received by Russian and Chinese end users and we will now work to secure sales commitments to support Ovoot funding development".

This announcement is authorised for release by the Managing Director.

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Forward Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking information which is based on the assumptions, estimates, analysis and opinions of management and engaged consultants made in light of experience and perception of trends, current conditions and expected developments, as well

as other factors believed to be relevant and reasonable in the circumstances at the date that such statements are made, but which may prove to be incorrect.

Assumptions have been made by the Company regarding, among other things: the price of coking coal, the timely receipt of required governmental approvals, the accuracy of capital and operating cost estimates, the completion of a feasibility studies on its exploration and development activities, the ability of the Company to operate in a safe, efficient and effective manner and the ability of the Company to obtain financing as and when required and on reasonable terms. Readers are cautioned that the foregoing list is not exhaustive of all factors and assumptions which may have been used by the Company.

Although management believes that the assumptions made and the expectations represented by such information are reasonable, there can be no assurance that the forward-looking information will prove to be accurate.

Forward-looking information involves known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking information. Such factors include, among others, the actual market price of coking coal, the actual results of current and future exploration, changes in project parameters as plans continue to be evaluated, as well as those factors disclosed in the Company's publicly filed documents. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking information.

About Aspire Mining Limited

Aspire Mining Limited is 100% owner of the world-class Ovoot Coking Coal Project, and 90% owner of the Nuurstei Coking Coal Project, both located in Khuvsgul aimag (province) of north western Mongolia.

The Company is focused upon permitting, engineering, and financing the Ovoot Coking Coal Project with intention to mine by open pit coking coal, truck this to a Company owned terminal facility in Erdenet, and then deliver to customers in China and Russia via the existing Mongolian rail network.

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Annexure A

Competent Persons Statement

The technical information pertaining to this ASX Announcement to which this announcement relates to laboratory testing results is based on information complied and reviewed by Mr Neil Lithgow, a Competent Person, who is a non-executive director of Aspire Mining Limited. Mr Lithgow is a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and types of deposits under consideration to qualify as a Competent Person, as defined in the 2012 Edition of Joint Ore Reserves Committee (JORC) the 'Australasian Code for Reporting Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves'. Mr Lithgow consents to the inclusion in this report of the technical matters disclosed in the form and context in which is in this announcement.

JORC Code 2012 – Table 1
Section 1: Sampling Techniques and Data

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Sampling techniques	Nature and quality of sampling (e.g. 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	The Mogoin Gol coal mine operates within mining license MV-000384, which sits adjacent to mining license MV-017098 within which the Ovoot Coking Coal Project owned by Aspire Mining Limited sits. The mine workings of the Mogoin Gol mine are active in the "Upper Seam" which is contiguous across both licenses. Six grab samples of approximately 150kg each for total sample mass of 883kg was collected from Run-of-Mine (ROM) stockpile at the Mogoin Gol mine, by hand shovel to sample bags.
	Include reference to measures taken to ensure sample representivity and the appropriate calibration of any measurement tools or systems used.	No specific measures were taken; the samples were collected ad hoc from available ROM stock.
	Aspects of the determination of mineralisation that are Material to the Public Report. In cases where 'industry standard' work has been done this would be relatively simple (e.g. '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 (e.g. submarine nodules) may warrant disclosure of detailed information.	Six raw coal samples were collected via grab sampling from ROM stockpile. Proximate analysis and ash chemistry test work was completed on these splits, with results then used to prepare composite raw coal sample. Logic applied in preparing the composite raw coal sample included: (i) blending to achieve ash content of 16% (air dried) approximating the average ash of the first 30 Mt of coal intended to be mined; and (ii) maximizing the basicity index of the ash for conservative understanding of likely coal product values.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Drilling techniques	Drill type (e.g. core, reverse circulation, open-hole hammer, rotary air blast, auger, Bangka, sonic, etc) and details (e.g. 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).	No drilling was conducted. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
Drill sample recovery	Method of recording and assessing core and chip sample recoveries and results assessed	No drilling was conducted. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
	Measures taken to maximise sample recovery and ensure representative nature of the samples	No drilling was conducted. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
	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.	No drilling was conducted. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
Logging	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.	No logging was completed. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
	Whether logging is qualitative or quantitative in nature. Core (or costean, channel, etc) photography.	No logging was completed. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
	The total length and percentage of the relevant intersections logged	No logging was completed. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
Sub- sampling techniques	If core, whether cut or sawn and whether quarter, half or all core taken.	No drill core was collected. Sample mass was collected from ROM stockpile.
and sample preparation	If non-core, whether riffled, tube sampled, rotary split, etc and whether sampled wet or dry.	Raw coal samples were weighed (as received), air dried, weighed (air dried) and then split in accordance with ISO 18283:2014 via point sampling method to avoid mechanical breakage ahead of float/sink testing. Seven eighths of each sample were reserved, and one eighth of each sample was analysed for proximates, total sulphur, calorific value and ash chemistry. Based upon these results, a composite raw sample of approximately 200kg was prepared taking various quantities from the seven eighths reserve sample masses.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
		The composite raw sample was dry sized at 100mm, 50mm, 25mm, 12.5mm, 6mm, 2mm, 1mm, 0.5mm and 0.25mm, and wet sized at 0.125mm, 0.075mm, 0.045mm. Each size fraction was analysed for moisture, ash, volatile matter, total sulphur, calorific value, CSN, ash chemistry and G index.
		Float/sink testing was conducted at densities of 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 and 2.0 on all individual size fractions greater than 0.5mm, in accordance with ISO 7936:2011, and for all fractions less than 0.5mm in accordance with ISO 8858-1_3:2011.
		Composite product sample was prepared on basis of recombining float splits from coarse and fine fractions on basis of assumed cutpoints for coarse and fine processing circuits in order to produce sample of approximately 10.5% ash (air dried).
	For all sample types, the nature, quality and appropriateness of the sample preparation technique.	The process utilized was based upon common industry practices to produce composite sample indicative of plausible product qualities.
	Quality control procedures adopted for all sub-sampling stages to maximise representivity of samples.	Raw coal samples were blended on basis of proximate results, to produce composite raw sample containing ash at level near to what is expected during initial mining activity.
		Composite product sample was prepared from recombining all size splits from float/sink testing at consistent cut-points for size fractions representative of coarse, fine and ultrafine processing circuits.
	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.	No representation is made regarding the representativeness of the composite samples. Reserve raw coal sample mass remains held for potential further analysis, however float/sink and product composite testing was not duplicated.
	Whether sample sizes are appropriate to the grain size of the material being sampled.	Given (i) the relatively small size of stockpile, and (ii) the general sizing distribution of ROM coal, collection of 883kg of sample mass is considered well in excess of the minimum sample mass to achieve sizing representivity.
Quality of assay data and laboratory tests	The nature, quality and appropriateness of the assaying and laboratory procedures used and whether the technique is considered partial or total.	The procedures used to prepare and analyse both the raw and product coal and coke samples were in alignment with relevant ISO, ASTM and GB/T standards. The dataset was small, and not from within the Ovoot license are. Thus, the results are considered indicative but not necessarily representative.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	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.	No geophysical analysis was conducted.
	Nature of quality control procedures adopted (e.g. standards, blanks, duplicates, external laboratory checks) and whether acceptable levels of accuracy (i.e. lack of bias) and precision have been established.	Sampling work was conducted by third party under supervision of Aspire personnel. All subsampling and testing work was completed by independent and accredited laboratories in compliance with relevant ISO, ASTM and GB/T standards.
Verification of sampling and	The verification of significant intersections by either independent or alternative company personnel.	Not applicable. No drilling was conducted. Samples were collected from ROM stockpile.
assaying	The use of twinned holes.	Not applicable. No drilling was conducted. Samples were collected from ROM stockpile.
	Documentation of primary data, data entry procedures, data verification, data storage (physical and electronic) protocols.	Hard copy and/or PDF reports were received from the three laboratories involved
	Discuss any adjustment to assay data.	No adjustment was made to any of the assay data reported from any of the three laboratories utilized.
Location of data points	Accuracy and quality of surveys used to locate drillholes (collar and down-hole surveys), trenches, mine workings and other locations used in Mineral Resource estimation.	No holes were drilled. GPS coordinates of sample locations were not recorded. Only general understanding of where on stockpile coal was sampled, and where this coal was mined from. Quality results obtained are indicative only and cannot be used in Mineral Resource estimation.
	Specification of the grid system used.	Not applicable.
	Quality and adequacy of topographic control.	Not applicable.
Data spacing and distribution	Data spacing for reporting of Exploration Results.	Not applicable. Quality results obtained are not considered "Exploration Results", are indicative only and cannot be used in Mineral Resource estimation.
	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	Not applicable. Quality results obtained are not considered "Exploration Results", are indicative only and cannot be used in Mineral Resource estimation.

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	estimation procedure(s) and classifications applied.	
	Whether sample compositing has been applied.	Raw coal samples were composited to create an approximate 16.0% (air dried) raw coal sample, considered to approximate the expected average ash content of the first 30 Mt coal intended to be mined and processed. Composite product sample was prepared
		based upon combining splits from float/sink testing, representative of separate cut-points for coarse, fine and ultrafine circuits, to produce a sample approximating a 10.5% ash (air dried) product.
Orientation of data in relation to geological structure	Whether the orientation of sampling achieves unbiased sampling of possible structures and the extent to which this is known, considering the deposit type.	Sample mass was collected via grab sampling from ROM stockpile. As result, no conclusions are drawn regarding the impact of structures or any specific orientations in situ.
	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.	Not applicable. No drilling was conducted. There is possibility for sizing bias in the sample mass, on basis that approximately 2kg capacity shovels were used to collect grab samples, which may have excluded oversize particles, and thus possibly resulted in fines fraction bias. No attempt was made to separate contaminant material from sample mass collected.
Sample security	The measures taken to ensure sample security.	Raw samples collected were bagged, zip tied, provided unique identification but not sealed prior to delivery to the ALS Ulaanbaatar laboratory for sizing, analysis and float/sink testing. Product composite sample was sealed for handling between ALS Ulaanbaatar and SGS Ulaanbaatar ahead of product coal quality analysis, and for handling from SGS Ulaanbaatar and SGS Tianjin laboratories ahead of coke quality analysis.
Audits or reviews	The results of any audits or reviews of sampling techniques and data.	No specific audits or reviews of the sampling techniques and data gained through this exercise have been completed. All three laboratories used (ALS Ulaanbaatar, SGS Ulaanbaatar, SGS Tianjin) hold current ISO accreditations relevant to the work undertaken.

Section 2: Reporting of Exploration Results

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Mineral	Type, reference name/number,	Sample was collected from ROM stockpile
tenement and	location and ownership including	within the Mogoin Gol coal mine, containing
land tenure	agreements or material issues	coal mined from within the Mogoin Gol coal
status	with third parties such as joint	mine (mining license MV-000384) from the
	ventures, partnerships, overriding	"Upper Seam" which is contiguous with coal sitting within mining license MV-017098 held
	royalties, native title interests,	by Aspire Mining Limited and forming basis
	historical sites, wilderness or	for the Ovoot Coking Coal Project.
	natural park and environment	
	settings.	
	The security of the tenure held at	Mining licenses MV-000384 (held by Mogoin
	the time of reporting along with	Gol JSC) and MV-017098 (held wholly,
	any known impediments to	indirectly by Aspire Mining Limited) were
	obtaining a licence to operate in	valid at the time of sampling and remain so at the time of publication.
	the area.	at the time of publication.
Exploration	Acknowledgement and appraisal	Only Aspire Mining Limited personnel were
done by other	of exploration by other parties.	involved with sample collection, aside from
parties		Mogoin Gol JSC employees escorting them within the Mogoin Gol coal mine.
Geology	Deposit type, geological setting	The coal-bearing sediments of the Ovoot
3,	and style of mineralisation.	Basin are Jurassic in age and have been
		gently folded into an ENE - WSW trending
		syncline.
		The Mogoin Gol coal mine currently exploits the western extent (outcrop) of this basin,
		and the Ovoot Coking Coal Project is
		intended to exploit the same coal measures
		down dip.
Drill hole	A summary of all information	No drill holes were established to collect the
information	material to the understanding of	samples upon which analysis was performed. Samples were collected from
	the exploration results including a	ROM stockpile.
	tabulation of the following	
	information for all Material drill	
	holes:	Not applicable
	easting and northing of	Not applicable
	the drill hole collar	Not applicable
	elevation or RL (Reduced leval elevation above	Not applicable
	Level – elevation above	
	sea level in meters) of the drill hole collar	
		Not applicable
	 dip and azimuth of the hole 	Not applicable
		Not applicable
	 down hole length and interception depth 	Not applicable
	· ·	Not applicable
	hole length. If the exclusion of this information	Not applicable The sample was collected from ROM
	is justified on the basis that the	stockpile containing coal mined from within
	information is not Material and this	the Mogoin Gol coal mine (mining license
	exclusion does not detract from	MV-000384) from the "Upper Seam" which is
	the understanding of the report,	contiguous with the Upper Coal Seam sitting
	the Competent Person should	within mining license MV-017098 held by
	and Johnpotent i Gradit anduid	Aspire Mining Limited. The sample collected

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
	clearly explain why this is the	is considered indicative of the coal quality
	case.	from the Upper Seam within mining license
		MV-017098.
Data	In reporting Exploration Results,	Not applicable
aggregation	weighting averaging techniques,	140t applicable
methods	maximum and/or minimum grade	
	truncations (eg cutting of high	
	grades) and cut-off grades are	
	usually Material and should be	
	stated.	
	Where aggregate intercepts	Not applicable
	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.	
	The assumptions used for any	Not applicable
	reporting of metal equivalent	
	values should be clearly stated.	
Relationship	These relationships are	Not applicable
between	particularly important in the	
mineralisation	reporting of Exploration Results.	
widths and	If the geometry of the	Not applicable
intercept	mineralisation with respect to the	
lengths	drill hole angle is known, its nature	
	should be reported.	N
	If it is not known and only the	Not applicable
	down hole lengths are reported,	
	there should be a clear statement	
	to this effect (eg 'down hole	
Diagrams	length, true width not known'). Appropriate maps and sections	Not applicable
Diagrams	(with scales) and tabulations of	
	intercepts should be included for	
	any significant discovery being	
	reports. These should include, but	
	not limited to a plan view of the	
	drill hole collar locations and	
	appropriate sectional views.	
Balanced	Where comprehensive reporting of	Not applicable
reporting	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.	

Criteria	JORC Code explanation	Commentary
Other	Other exploration data, if	Not applicable
substantive	meaningful and material, should	
exploration	be reported including (but not	
data	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.	
Further work	The nature and scale of planned	Not applicable
	further work (eg tests for lateral	
	extensions or depth extensions or	
	large-scale step-out drilling).	
	Diagrams clearly highlighting the	Not applicable
	areas of possible extensions,	
	including the main geological	
	interpretations and future drilling	
	areas, provided this information is	
	not commercially sensitive.	