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# Funding Secured for Development of PCI Coal Mine at BBM Coal Project

# **Highlights:**

- Aahana to fully fund construction and operation of BBM PCI Project
- Cumulative saleable production of 4 million tonnes of coal
- Aahana's share in JV is 40%
- Aahana to subscribe for A\$1million in Cokal shares

**Cokal Limited** (Cokal ASX:CKA, "Cokal" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that it has secured funding for the development of the BBM PCI coal mine ("BBM PCI") at Cokal's 60% owned Bumi Barito Mineral ("BBM") Coal Project, located in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia.

Cokal has executed a binding Term Sheet to fully fund the development of the BBM PCI Project via a Joint Venture (the "Agreement") with **Aahana Global Resources & Investment Pte Ltd** ("Aahana"), a special purpose vehicle incorporated in the Mineral Energy Resource Group (Singapore).

Under the Agreement, Aahana will fully fund the capital expenditure at BBM PCI in return for a 40% interest in the JV and equivalent share of profits from the BBM PCI operations. The Term Sheet is binding on both Aahana and Cokal.

Cokal is preparing to upgrade the BBM Anak operation with the construction of BBM PCI, which will continue to operate the existing PCI open pit operation at a higher rate of production. Initial site preparation includes the relocation of a suitable barge-loading port in close proximity to the mining operation. Aahana and Cokal will review the mine plans and agree on the selection of mining and barging equipment.

## **Transaction Highlights**

- BBM PCI project development and operation fully funded
- Accelerated development timeline, with first coal production targeted for Q4 2018
- Production targeting 4 million tonnes of reserves of premium ULV PCI coal
- Aahana will subscribe for A\$1 million of Cokal shares at A\$0.032, subject to shareholder approval.
- BBM Anak project will be incorporated into the JV BBM PCI project.

#### **Key Terms of the Transaction**

- Aahana will contribute all necessary funding required to develop BBM PCI Coal to 50Kt per month of saleable production, including the provision of cash, assets, mining equipment and contracting services;
- The Agreement is a contractual agreement only and no change to asset ownership or title of the tenements will occur;
- The JV will remain in effect for five years from first production, or cumulative saleable production of 4.0Mt (100% basis), whichever is the sooner, and is limited to coal with volatile matter of less than 12%;
- A management committee will be formed to manage the joint venture which will include two Cokal and two Aahana nominees;
- Cokal is appointed as the operator of the BBM PCI Coal Mining Project;
- The profit sharing ratio agreed between Cokal and Aahana is 60:40 (60% Cokal's PT Bumi Barito Mineral, 40% Aahana).

# **Project Details**

Details of the BBM PCI coal project are included in the presentation released on ASX on the 24th May 2017.

#### **About Aahana**

Karan Bangur, CEO of Aahana Global Resources & Investment Pte Ltd (a subsidiary of the Karan Group), has over 10 years' experience in the South East Asian region in mining and resources companies. Aahana currently finances and operates a number of mine sites using special purpose vehicles for each operation. A similar structure will be set up for this Joint Venture with Cokal.

- The Karan Group finances and operates the following mines currently in the region:
  - Thermal coal mine in Tanah Grogot in East Kalimantan. The group is engaged in mining services as well as leasing of mining equipment for the project;
  - Thermal coal mine in Bolongan, Tarakan in Central Kalimantan including supply of heavy equipment.
- The Karan Group will soon start production of Bauxite and supply to one of only two aluminium smelters in Indonesia.
- The Karan Group also provides mining equipment rental in Malaysia and operation of an iron Ore mine in Kedah, Malaysia.

The group operates a mining equipment and trading business in Indonesia coalfields, Malaysia and Middle East. Karan Group leases mining equipment including excavators, dump trucks, dozers, cranes, as well as crushing and screening plants.

Newly appointed CEO for Cokal, Jim Coleman, said: "The timing of this funding could not be better as I am ready to work closely with Aahana to establish the PCI operation to ensure a speedy and efficient path to production.

"The JV structure guarantees both Cokal and Aahana work together to achieve maximum production of PCI coal tonnes at minimal cost to achieve the best profit margin for both companies to share," he said.

Mr Coleman and Mr Hanna will travel to BBM next week along with an expert technical team from Aahana. Together a determination of construction, infrastructure and logistics will be made to commence production.

# Karan Group Mining Operations at Tanah Grogot, East Kalimantan, Indonesia





## **ENDS**

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# **About Cokal Limited**

Cokal (ASX:CKA) is an Australian listed company with the objective of becoming a metallurgical coal producer with a global presence. Cokal has interests in four projects in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia considered prospective for metallurgical coal.

#### **Forward Looking Statements**

This release includes forward looking statements. Often, but not always, forward looking statements can generally be identified by the use of forward looking words such as "may", "will", "expect", "intend", "plan", "estimate", "anticipate", "continue", and "guidance", or other similar words and may include, without limitation statements regarding plans, strategies and objectives of management, anticipated production or construction commencement dates and expected costs or production outputs. Forward looking statements in this release include, but are not limited to, the capital and operating cost estimates and economic analyses from the Study.

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#### **Competent Person Statement**

The Total Coal Reserve estimate announced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017 is based on information compiled by Robert de Jongh who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and an employee of ASEAMCO Pty Ltd. Mr de Jongh is a qualified mining engineer and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".

The Coal Resource estimate was announced on 29th April 2016, titled "Cokal announces updated JORC Resource Statement for Bumi Barito Mineral (BBM) Project". The information in the report relating to Mineral Resources is based on information compiled by Yoga Suryanegara who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and a full time employee of Cokal Limited. Mr Suryanegara is a qualified geologist and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking, to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".

The Company confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the announcement made on 29 April 2016 and that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the announcement made on 29 April 2016 continue to apply and have not materially changed.

The information in this report relating to exploration results is based on information compiled by Patrick Hanna who is a fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and is a consultant (through Hanna Consulting Services) to Cokal Limited. Mr Hanna is a qualified geologist and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which they are undertaking, to qualify as Competent Persons as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves".