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MR DAVID FAWCETT RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS IN THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL INDUSTRY

Allegiance Coal Limited (**Allegiance**) wishes to announce the retirement of Mr. David Fawcett, and with that, his resignation as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Fawcett recently turned 69, following which he announced his retirement and notified the company of his desire to resign from the Board of Allegiance, and its subsidiary, Telkwa Coal Limited.

Mr. Fawcett joined the Board of Allegiance in December 2016 and was appointed Chairman on 8 March 2018. He led Allegiance through a significant period of growth and development including:

- Completion of two drill programmes in 2018 and 2019;
- Conclusion of a joint venture with Itochu Corporation in relation to the Telkwa metallurgical coal complex (**Telkwa**); and most recently
- Completion of a definitive feasibility study in relation to the Tenas deposit located within Telkwa which delivered excellent results.

Mr Fawcett's career in coal mine discovery, development and operations, spans almost 45 years, mostly in Western Canadian coal. As a registered Professional Engineer with a Bachelor Degree in Science Engineering from the University of Alberta, he has had many accomplishments in his career and has been the recipient of several coal industry awards including the Coal Association of Canada's Award of Distinction in 2015.

Highlights of his career include:

- Co-Founder and President of Western Canadian Coal Corp. - 1997 to 2003. Participation in the acquisition, exploration, and development of a number of coal properties, two of which became substantial mine operations. Western Coal was taken over by US based Walter Energy Inc. for C\$3.5 billion.
- Chief Operating Officer of NEMI Northern Energy & Mining Inc. - 2003 to 2004. Responsible for the advancement of the Trend coal project, which subsequently became the Trend Mine operated by Peace River Coal Limited. Peace River Coal Limited was acquired by Anglo American in October 2011, for approximately C\$630 million.
- Senior Vice President of Hillsborough Resources Limited - 2005 to 2009. Led the advancement of coal projects, particularly Wapiti and Horizon projects, culminating in a joint venture with Anglo American plc and, subsequently, the merger of Hillsborough, Anglo American and NEMI Northern Energy & Mining Inc.'s northeast British Columbia coal projects to form Peace River Coal Limited. Hillsborough was acquired by Vitol Anker International in 2009.



- Mr Fawcett was Chairman of ASX listed Jameson Resources Ltd (ASX:JAL) from 23 December 2011 to 31 December 2014.

Mr. Fawcett's resignation coincides with the completion of the Tenas DFS. As Allegiance now focuses on permitting the Tenas Project, and in due course construction and operation, the Board will seek to appoint additional non-executive directors with skills complementary to its future requirements. For the present, Mr. Mark Gray, Allegiance's Managing Director, will assume the role of Chairman. Mr. Gray's remuneration will remain unchanged.

The Board thanks Mr. Fawcett for his wonderful leadership over the last 30 months and wishes him well in his retirement.

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About Allegiance Coal

Allegiance Coal is a publicly listed (ASX:AHQ) Australian company advancing a metallurgical coal mine into production in British Columbia, Canada. The Telkwa metallurgical coal complex (**Telkwa Complex**) includes three pit areas comprising 125.8Mt of JORC compliant coal resource of which 102.3Mt is in the Measured Category; 22.3Mt is in the Indicated Category; and 1.2Mt is in the Inferred Category. In July 2017 the Company completed a pre-feasibility study declaring 42.5Mt of saleable coal reserves (**Telkwa PFS**) across the entire Telkwa Complex. In March 2019 the Company completed a definitive feasibility study (**Tenas DFS**) of the Tenas Pit (**Tenas Project**) in relation to 16.5Mt of those saleable coal reserves, and is now advancing the Tenas Project towards permitting and production.
