



## PIKE RIVER COAL

21 April 2010

### PIKE RIVER COAL'S NZ\$10 MILLION PLACEMENT STRONGLY SUPPORTED

Pike River Coal Limited advises that applications for its \$10 million placement have been closed fully subscribed.

Lead Managers international investment bank UBS and McDouall Stuart Securities have advised there was strong interest from a wide range and number of institutional investors in participating in the placement.

Settlement and issue of the new shares will occur on Friday 23 April 2010 subject only to usual underwriting/firm commitment conditions. The issue will complete the first part of the underwriting commitments of UBS, McDouall Stuart Group, and NZOG announced yesterday.

When completed, the placement will bring several new institutional investors onto Pike River Coal's share register. Cornerstone shareholder, New Zealand Oil & Gas Limited (NZOG), and Indian customer and shareholder, Gujarat NRE Limited. NZOG and Gujarat NRE will also participate in the placement at their current shareholding level.

As advised to the market yesterday, the underwriting of the \$40 million Rights Issue is conditional upon shareholder approval of the funding arrangements with NZOG which will be voted on at a shareholders' meeting to be held in Wellington on 7 May 2010

### AMENDMENT TO RIGHTS ISSUE TIMETABLE

Pike River Coal Limited advises that the Rights Issue timetable has been amended from that contained in its initial announcement of yesterday with regards to the \$10 million placement of shares and an underwritten \$40 million renounceable pro rata Rights Issue to shareholders and optionholders. The dates below reflect those contained in the Appendix 7 and Appendix 3B filed with NZX and ASX respectively.

<b>TIMETABLE</b> (all dates indicative – see Note 1)	
Rights trading on ASX commences	<i>23 April 2010</i>
Record date	<i>30 April 2010</i>
Opening date of Right Issue offer	<i>3 May 2010</i>
Rights trading on NZX commences	<i>3 May 2010</i>

<b>Shareholders' meeting</b>	<b>7 May 2010</b>
<b>Rights trading on ASX ceases</b>	<b>12 May 2010</b>
<b>Rights trading on NZX ceases</b>	<b>17 May 2010</b>
<b>Closing date of offer</b>	<b>19 May 2010</b>
<b>Allotment date</b>	<b>21 May 2010</b>

**Note**

- 1** These dates are subject to change and are indicative only. Pike River reserves the right to amend this timetable without prior written notice, subject to the respective Listing Rules of the NZSX and the ASX and relevant legislation, although an announcement of any changes will be made on the NZSX and the ASX. A full copy of the timetable will appear in the Prospectus.

A prospectus for the Rights Issue was lodged with the Companies Office for registration on 20 April 2010. A copy of the prospectus and an accompanying entitlement and acceptance form is expected to be mailed to shareholders and optionholders on 3 May 2010, and will shortly be available to view online at [www.pike.co.nz](http://www.pike.co.nz).

The notice of meeting for the meeting to be held on 7 May 2010 will also be announced and available shortly.

**Ends**

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*Pike River Coal owns the rights to a premium hard coking coal resource located 50 kilometres north-east of Greymouth, New Zealand. All of Pike River's coal is used steel-making.*

<p>Pike River shares are quoted on the NZSX and the ASX under the code "PRC"; and options are quoted on the NZSX under code "PRCOA", and the ASX under code "PRCO".</p>
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