

ASX Release

ASTON UPDATE ON PORT ACCESS

BRISBANE, Australia 8 December 2011:

Aston Resources Ltd (ASX: AZT) today announced that it had accepted a further allocation from Port Waratah Coal Services (**PWCS**) of 3.5 Mtpa from 2015. The increase of 3.5 Mtpa (which supports the existing allocations of 1.7 Mtpa from 2013, 3.3 Mtpa from 2015 and a three-year substitute shipper arrangement at NCIG) will be sourced from the planned Terminal 4.

As previously announced, Aston remains confident that there will be sufficient excess port capacity available in the short to medium term to meet the Company's expected production pending delivery of Terminal 4. Interim CEO Peter Kane said, "This is a further important step in securing the necessary export capacity to support the Maules Creek Project. The Project is now close to securing the port capacity required for its full production ramp up."

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ABOUT ASTON

Aston Resources currently owns 85% of the Maules Creek Project. Maules Creek is considered to be one of only few remaining "Tier-1" undeveloped coal assets in Australia. Maules Creek is located in the Gunnedah Basin of New South Wales.

Maules Creek's production mix is expected to comprise a majority of metallurgical coal and a premium, low ash, export thermal coal.