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Appointment of New Directors

Gloucester Coal Ltd (“Gloucester Coal”) today announced the appointment of two new Directors, Julie Beeby and Brendan McPherson.

Dr Julie Beeby will be an Independent Non-Executive Director of Gloucester Coal.

In welcoming Dr Beeby, the Chairman of Gloucester Coal James MacKenzie said “I have no doubt Julie will make an enormous contribution to the Board of Gloucester Coal. She has deep, relevant sector experience and her change management expertise will be highly valuable as Gloucester Coal continues its development as a significant coal sector player.”

Julie Beeby is a development and change management leader with extensive experience in the energy sector in general management, business development and specialist project management roles. Her career spans 22 years in the Australian coal mining, petroleum and gas industries (her biography is included below).

Brendan McPherson has been appointed Managing Director and is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Gloucester Coal.

Shareholder approval for the election of Julie Beeby and Denis Gately (who was appointed as a Director of Gloucester Coal earlier this year) will be sought at Gloucester Coal’s Annual General Meeting on 30 November 2011.

As part of the Board of Director rotation requirements, David Brownell and Ricardo Leiman will retire at the Annual General Meeting. Ricardo Leiman will be standing for re-election. David Brownell has elected not to stand for re-election.

In thanking David Brownell for his contribution to the company James MacKenzie said “David has played a significant role at Gloucester Coal during his term as a Director”.

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Julie Beeby Biography

Dr Beeby is the CEO of WestSide Corporation a Queensland based coal seam gas explorer and producer. Previously, she was General Manager, Strategic Planning and Projects at Peabody Pacific, where she was closely involved in the development and expansion of Peabody's mining operations in Australia.

Dr Beeby is also a Director of Queensland Electricity Transmission Corporation Ltd (Powerlink) and Chairperson of ZeroGen, a Queensland low emission coal project.

Dr Beeby has a Graduate Diploma and an MBA in Technology Management from Deakin University as well as a First Class Honours Bachelors degree in Science and a Doctorate in Physical Chemistry from the University of Sydney. She has been member of Australian Institute of Company Directors since 2003 and graduated from the Company Directors course in 2009.