# **Ovoot Coking Coal Project Update**

**Investor Presentation** 





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Mongolia's mineral exports are plummeting. No wonder politicians want more Oyu Tolgoi

1 November 2012

- Frik Els, MINING.com

# Mongolian resource grab turns off investors

3 November 2012

- Andrew White, The Weekend Australian

### Mongolia in the spotlight

22 March 2011

- Robin Bromby, The Australian

NO Mining Boom for Mongolia

18 October 2012

- Kristie Batten, MiningNews.net

# **GEOGRAPHY RULES: WHY MONGOLIA'S** CHINA MINING STRATEGY IS A MISTAKE

6 September 2012

Gabe Collins and Andrew Erickson, Wall Street Journal

Mine boom is big issue at Mongolia poll

2 August 2012

-Herald Sun

## Mongolia and mining – caution needed

14 January 2011

- Robin Bromby, The Australian

Search for Mongolian riches strikes a hump

- Paul Garvey, The Australian

# A New Evolving Democracy



100

Newspapers currently available in Mongolia

30

Television stations broadcasting nation-wide

NB: No Libel Laws

19,000 Candidates

The number of people running for local elections

14

The number of Prime
Ministers in Mongolia
since its independence in
1990

0.7 percent

Of the population totalling only 2.8 million people!

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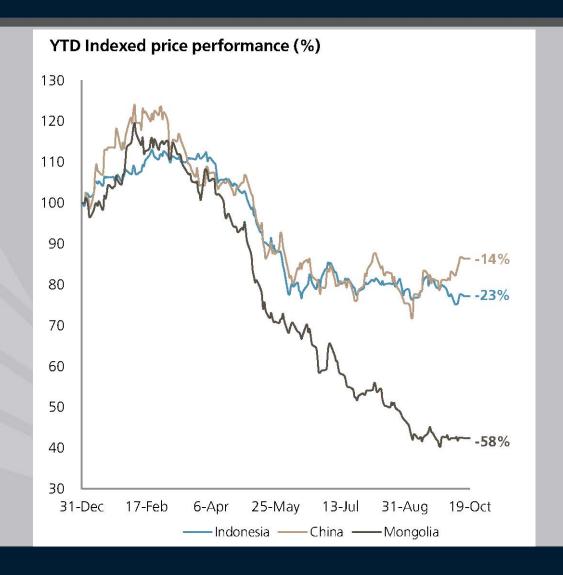
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Parliamentary proceedings

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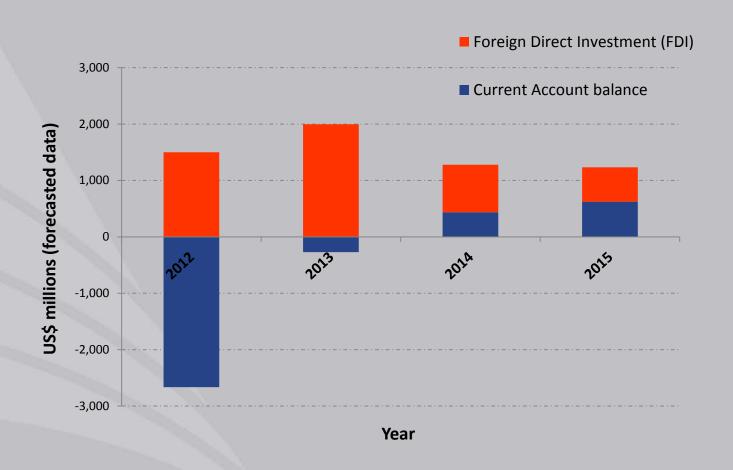
Internet postings of all transcripts from Parliament and the various Committees including all discussions

# Performance Comparison of Mongolian Coking Coal Companies versus Indonesian and Chinese



# **Mongolia Needs Foreign Investment**





## **Reading Between the Lines**



- > 23 October: IFC and World Bank report Mongolia as a top improver for the year for ease of doing business in east Asia moving up 12 places since the previous year (The World Bank)
- > 24 October: China & Mongolia recently signed a cooperation deal for agriculture to further promote bilateral cooperation (China Daily)
- ➤ 30-31 October: The Foreign Investment Review Law is being revised with the Government considering increasing the threshold which triggers a Government approval from the current US\$70m to US\$375-715m (opening address by Mongolian Deputy Minister for Economic Development, Mongolian Investment Summit, Hong Kong)
- 31 October: "We are working on the mining law, trying to make it more manageable and transparent for foreign investors", Rinchinnyam Amarjargal, current Member of Parliament (The Wall Street Journal)
- ➤ 31 October: Mongolian Government plans to issue US\$1.5billion worth of Bonds with funds to be used on financing long and medium term infrastructure projects such as the Sainshand Industrial Complex and 1,800km of railway (The Wall Street Journal, Business Mongolia)

Mongolia Aims to Woo Foreign Investors
31 October 2012

- Wall Street Journal

China, Mongolia sign agricultural co-op deal

- ChinaDaily

## **Reading Between the Lines**



- > 5 November: Oyu Tolgoi ("OT") Power Agreement with China is secured (Dow Jones Newswires)
- ➤ 13 November: "confident that both issues [foreign investment legislation and SouthGobi corruption investigation] will be resolved soon", Mr Bold, Mongolian Ambassador to Australia (ABC)
- > 20 November: Mongolia's 2013 budget has been passed:
  - Government work plan for next 4 years doesn't include renegotiating OT investment agreement
  - Income from royalties do not contravene what is agreed in the investment agreement
- Local Mongolian businesses appear bullish for 2013, 76% plan to access capital markets to fund growth requirements (survey by Mongolian Broker House BD Sec)

Report Finds Mongolia one of the Global Top 10

Reformers on Ease of Doing Business Index

23 October 2012

Mongolia Envoy Sees Oyu Tolgoi Renegotiation Unlikely, Reveals Power Supply Pact

5 November 2012

- Dow Jones Newswires

# **Company Snapshot – Corporate Structure**

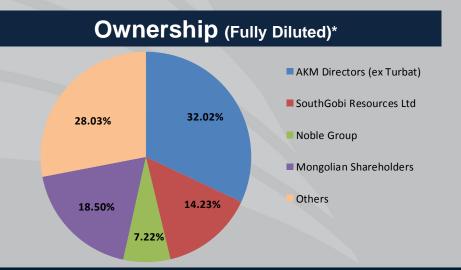


### Capital Structure (ASX:AKM)

		Undiluted	Diluted
Share Price (12 Nov 12)	\$	0.083	0.083
Shares Outstanding	m	620.5	867.7
Market Capitalisation	\$m	51.5	72.0
Options on Issue	m	247.1	
Net Cash	\$m	14.3 <sup>1</sup>	26.4 <sup>2</sup>
Enterprise Value	\$m	37.2	45.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of 30 Sept 2012

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 2}$  Includes cash from options exercisable at 5c. Excluding cash from exercise of 15c options

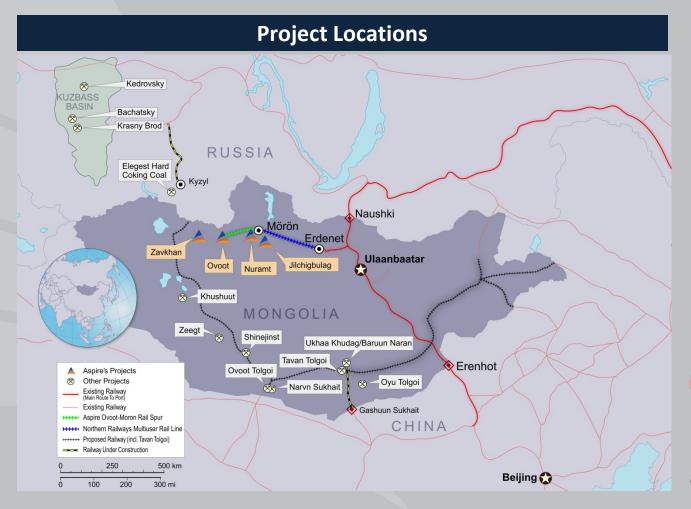


#### **Board of Directors**

- **David McSweeney** (Non-Exec Chairman) lawyer by training and has over 20 years experience in the resources sector ranging from exploration to project management, project finance, commercial and legal structuring and corporate development.
- David Paull (Managing Director) over 20 years experience in resource business development and industrial minerals marketing. Recently has been involved with working on private equity and seed capital opportunities in the biofuels, transport services and resource sectors.
- Neil Lithgow (Non-Exec Director) has been working on private equity and seed capital opportunities in the biofuels, transport services and resource sectors.
- Sado Demchigsuren Turbat (Non-Exec Director) has over 12 years of experience in the resource sector in Mongolia and is a key resource person on Mongolian mining industry policy and regulative framework.
- Mark Read (Non-Exec Director) immediate past CEO and Managing Director of ASX listed coal engineering and technology company Sedgman Ltd where he was responsible for an overseas expansion in emerging high-grade coal regions including Mongolia and Mozambique.
- Andrew Edwards (Non-Exec Director) recently retired senior partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers spanning 35 years. As Managing Partner of the Perth practice Andrew was responsible for leading its Advisory business.
- Phil Rundell (Company Secretary) a former Partner of a big 4 accounting firm and is now a sole practitioner Chartered Accountant specialising in providing company secretarial, compliance, accounting and reconstruction services

# **Projects**





#### **Project Interests**

- Ovoot Coking Coal Project (100%)
- Jilchigbulag Coal Project (100%)
- Nuramt Coal Project (100%)
- Zavkhan Iron Ore Project (Earning 70%)

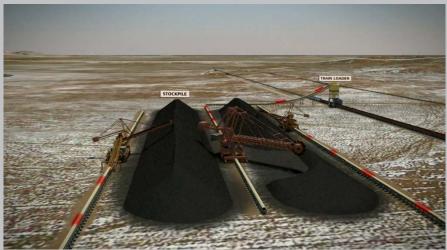


# **Ovoot Coking Coal Project Overview**



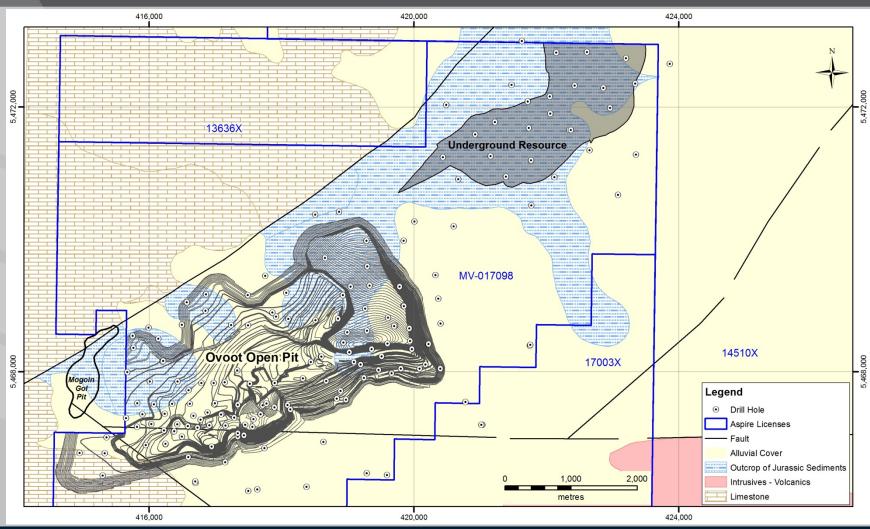
- Acquired Project 100% in February 2010: 509 sqkm
- Rail Pre-Feasibility completed April 2012
- Project PFS completed May 2012
  - Based on 166 Holes, 38,000m of drilling
- Ovoot Project Probable Reserves increased to 219 Mt in November 2012
- Mining Licence issued August 2012
- Indicative Quality Specifications indicate a high quality coking coal product
- Ovoot Project PFS Revision completed November 2012
  - FOR cost to China < US\$100/t of coking coal





# Ovoot Open Pit & Underground Resource Outline

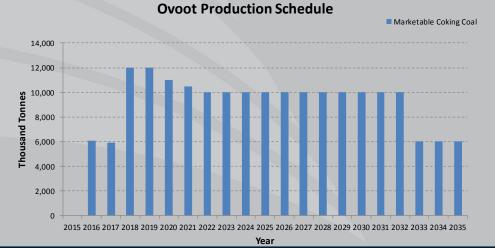




### **Ovoot PFS at a Glance**



- Large single open pit operation
- JORC Coal Reserves of 219Mt (211Mt from the open pit)
- High Yield of 82% to saleable coking coal
- 20 yr Life of Mine producing 180Mt in total and up to 12 Mtpa of saleable coking coal
- Underground Mining Study completed with maiden Reserves of 8Mt mined over 11 year life

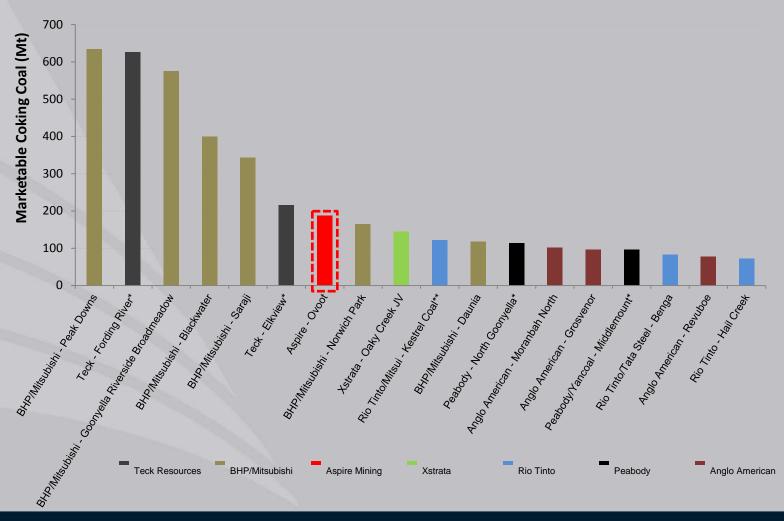


Reserves <sup>1</sup>	Probable (Mt)	Total (Mt)	Marketable (Mt)
Ovoot Open Pit	211	211	174
Ovoot Underground	8	8	6
Total	219	219	180

Resource <sup>1</sup>	Above 300 m (Mt)	Below 300 m (Mt)	Total (Mt)
Measured	139	17	156
Indicated	58	28 <sup>2</sup>	86
Inferred	12	3 <sup>2</sup>	15
Total	209	48	257

# Aspire's Ovoot Project Sits Comfortably Amongst other Tier 1 Assets

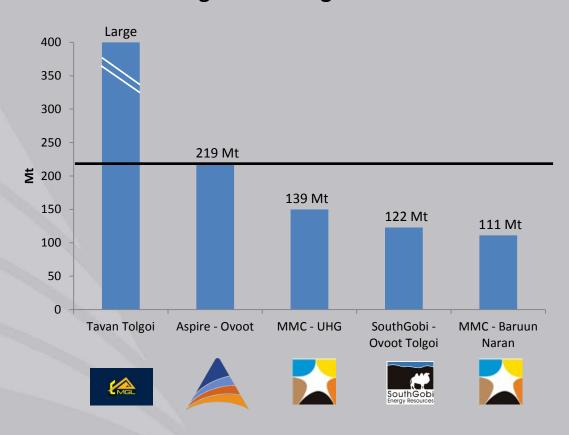




# Ovoot - Second Largest Coking Coal Reserve in Mongolia

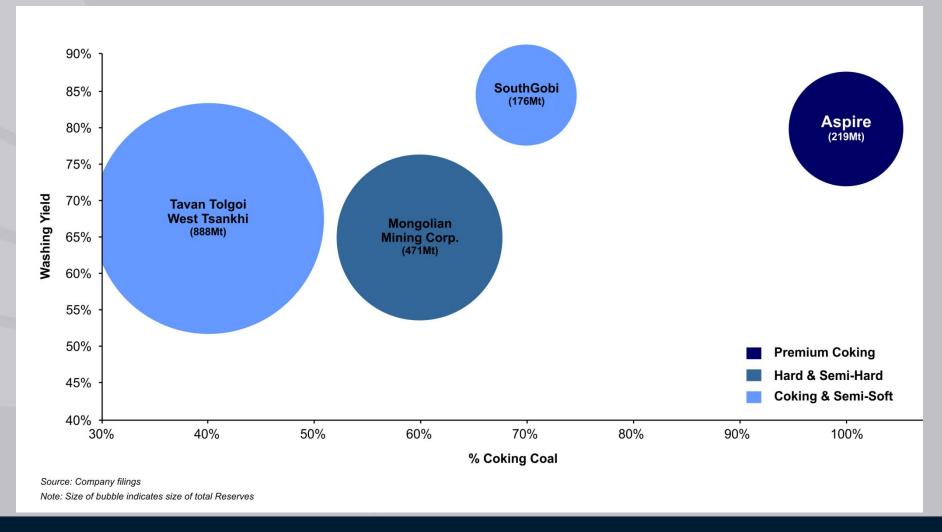


#### **Mongolian Coking Coal Reserves**



# Exceptional Deposit – High Washing Yield and % Coking = Highest In-Situ Value per tonne





# Ovoot Indicative Product Quality & Fluidity Properties



	Yield %	Ash %	Volatiles %	CSN	RoMax	Sulphur %
Indicative Washed Coal Quality	82	9.5	25 – 28	8 - 9	1.2	1

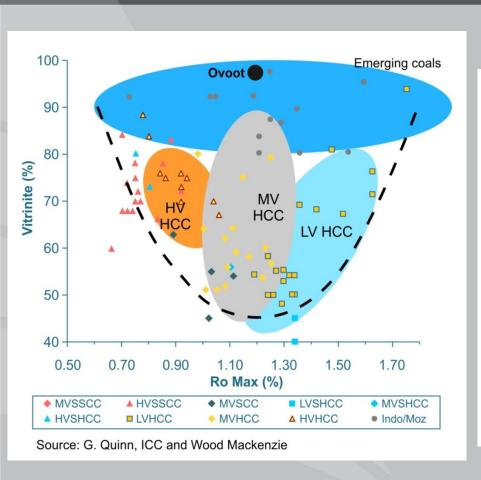
- Air dried basis
- ISO Coal Classification: Medium Rank B, high vitrinite, low ash, coking coal
- Vitrinite levels 96% 97%
- Rare combination of high rank combined with high fluidity

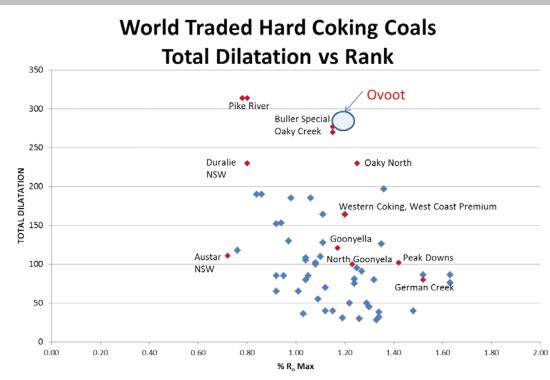
World Class Fluidity Properties			
Gray-King Coke Type G11			
Maximum Fluidity (log ddpm)	3.67		
Plastic Range	106°C		
Max. Contraction %	35%		
Max. Dilation %	250%		



# **Ideal Rank for Blending**

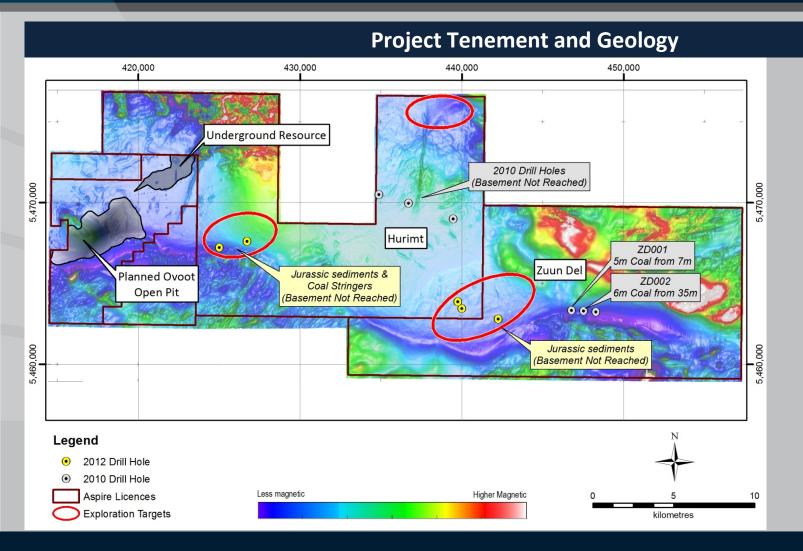






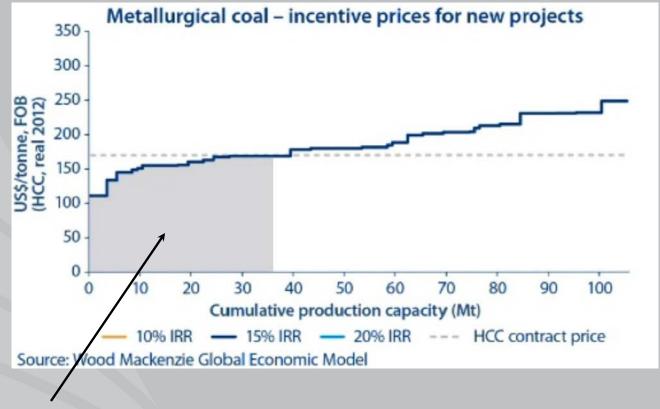
## **Substantial Room to Grow Resource**





- > +500sqkm project area.
- Comprehensive airborne magnetics programme clearly defines extensive basin.
- Basin essentially untested

# Large New Coking Coal Deposits Need to be Developed

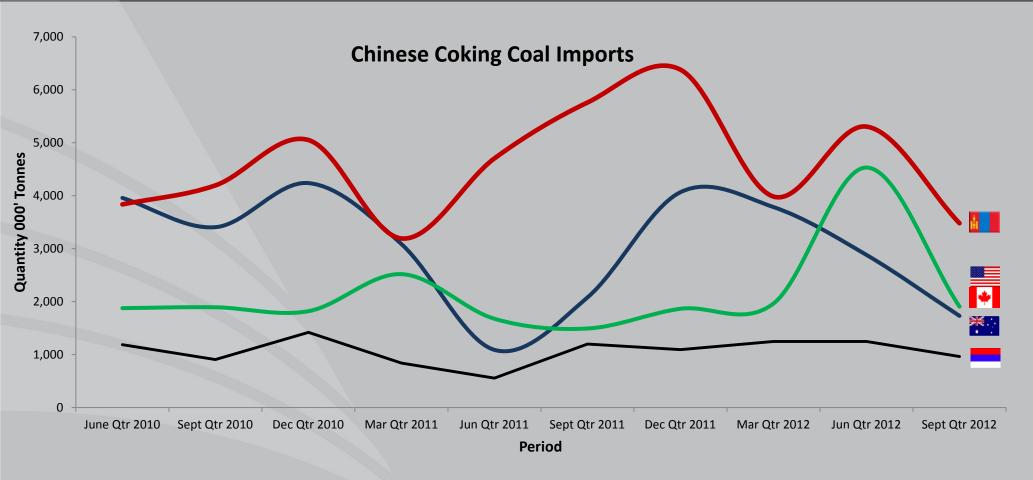


According to Wood MacKenzie analysis, only 36% of current Met Coal Projects future production can achieve 15% return using the current contract price of US\$170/tonne

Source: Wood MacKenzie 20

## **Mongolian Coking Coal now the Dominant Source**





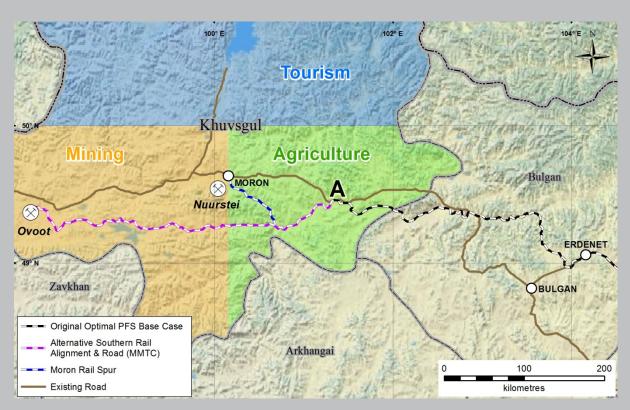
### Rail Infrastructure - Key to Unlocking Northern Mongolia



#### **Commentary**

- Ovoot Coking Coal Project is 550kms from Trans-Mongolian rail terminus
- Opens up major transport corridor in Northern Mongolia
- Rail construction can be broken up into two sections: Erdenet to Point A and Point A to Ovoot
- Open access multiple bulk commodity users, freight and passenger
- "Erdenet to Point A line"
  - 290km, multiuser rail line designed.
     Capacity upgradeable as demand requires.
- Brings rail within truck-able distance of Ovoot Coking Coal Project
- Road to connect Ovoot to Point A. Part of Multi-Modal Transport Corridor (MMTC)

#### **Potential Rail Route**



# Northern Railways LLC Subsidiary of Aspire Mining



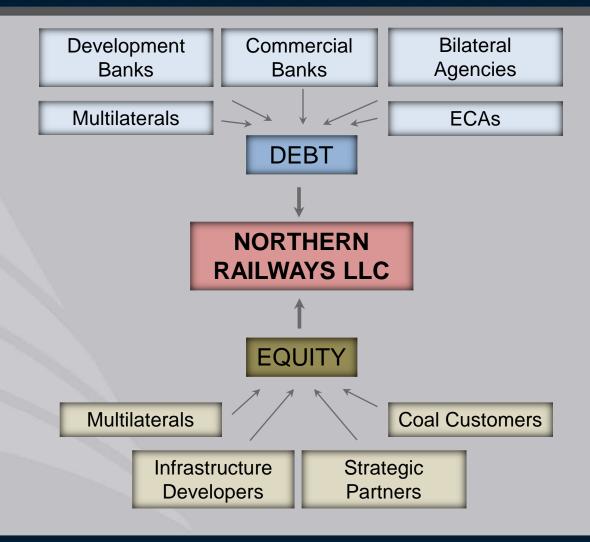
- Focused on infrastructure to connect Ovoot to Erdenet
- Stand alone Special Purpose Vehicle to:
  - Apply for BOOT (Build Own Operate Transfer) rail concession
  - Manage EPC contractors
  - Raise required funds through issuing debt and equity securities
- 51% ownership to be vested in the Mongolian Government after expiration of the concession
- Rail connection from Ovoot to existing Trans-Mongolian Rail line requires an investment of US\$1.2B + by Northern Railways LLC.
- Open access to rail inclusive of passenger and general freight. Broad community benefits
- Attractive to specialist financial sponsors and multilateral financiers with a social agenda



Trans-Mongolian Railway, coal from Baganuur coal mine

# Sources of Debt and Equity Financing





### **Potential Routes to Coal Markets – Rail Access**





Asian Importers of Metallurgical Coal:

Japan 68.6Mt<sup>1</sup>

Korea 25.9Mt<sup>1</sup>

Taiwan 5.7Mt<sup>1</sup>

100.4Mt

Russian total
Metallurgical Coal
Exports to Asian
markets (incl. China):

3.8Mt1

1. Source: TEX Report, 2011 data.

# Focus has moved from Exploration to Commercial Negotiations to Develop the Ovoot Project



### **Next Steps**

- Investigating a relatively small scale pre-rail trucking option
- Resource remodelling
- Complete revised Rail PFS along the alternative southern alignment
- Commence discussions with potential customers
- Identify a suitable Strategic Partner or Partners
- Scale back exploration and overheads
- Complete Environmental Impact Assessment on alternative southern alignment
- Rail Concession

## **Competent Person Statement**



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In accordance with the Australian Securities Exchange requirements, the technical information contained in this announcement in relation to the JORC Compliant Coal Reserves and JORC Compliant Coal Resource for the Ovoot Coking Coal Project in Mongolia has been reviewed by Mr Ian De Klerk and Mr Kevin John Irving of Xstract Mining Consultants Pty Ltd.

The Coal Resources documented in this release are stated in accordance with the guidelines set out in the JORC Code, 2004. They are based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr. Ian de Klerk who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Member #301019) and is a full time employee of Xstract Mining Consultants Pty Ltd. He has more than 20 years' experience in the evaluation of coal deposits and the estimation of coal resources. Mr. de Klerk has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify him as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code, 2004. Neither Mr. de Klerk nor Xstract have any material interest or entitlement, direct or indirect, in the securities of Aspire Mining Limited or any companies associated with Aspire Mining Limited. Fees for work undertaken are on a time and materials basis. Mr. de Klerk consents to the inclusion of the Coal Resources based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The Coal Reserves documented in this release are stated in accordance with the guidelines set out in the JORC Code, 2004. They are based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr. Kevin Irving who is a Fellow of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (Member #223116) and is a full time employee of Xstract Mining Consultants Pty Ltd. He has more than 35 years' experience in the mining of coal deposits and the estimation of Coal Reserves and the assessment of Modifying Factors. Mr. Irving has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration to qualify him as a Competent Person as defined in the JORC Code, 2004. Neither Mr. Irving nor Xstract have any material interest or entitlement, direct or indirect, in the securities of Aspire Mining Limited or any companies associated with Aspire Mining Limited. Fees for work undertaken are on a time and materials basis. Mr. Irving consents to the inclusion of the Coal Reserves based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

The technical information contained in this announcement in relation to the Ovoot Coking Coal Project in Mongolia has been reviewed by Mr Neil Lithgow – Non Executive Director for Aspire Mining Limited. Mr Lithgow is a Member of the Australian Institute of Geoscientists 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 2004 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves." Mr Lithgow consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on this information in the form and context in which it appears.

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