

ASTON SHAREHOLDERS VOTE IN FAVOUR OF SCHEME

Aston Resources Limited (**Aston**) (ASX: AZT) is pleased to announce that the proposed scheme of arrangement under which Whitehaven Coal Limited (**Whitehaven**) will acquire all of the issued shares of Aston (**Scheme**) has been approved by Aston shareholders.

Approval of resolution

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 3.13.2 and section 251AA of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Act**), Aston announces that at the Scheme Meeting held at 10am this morning, the following resolution in the notice of meeting was passed:

“That pursuant to and in accordance with section 411 of the Corporations Act, the Scheme of Arrangement (the terms of which are described in the Scheme Booklet of which the notice convening this meeting forms part) is agreed to (with or without modification as approved by the Federal Court of Australia).”

Voting at the Scheme Meeting was conducted by a poll and the resolution was passed by both a majority in numbers of shareholders present and voting and by at least 75% of the votes cast on the resolution as required by section 411(4)(a)(ii) of the Act.

The results of the poll are attached to this announcement.

The Scheme remains subject to approval of the Federal Court of Australia at the second Court hearing scheduled to be held at 2.15pm on Wednesday, 18 April 2012. Details of the conditions precedent to the Scheme are set out in the Scheme Booklet released by Aston on 9 March 2012.

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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.

RESULTS OF SCHEME MEETING

Total votes

Direct and proxy voting numbers on the resolution were as follows:

Type of vote	Number of votes	% of votes	Number of shareholders	% of shareholders
Votes cast 'FOR' the resolution	93,153,610	99.94	170	96.05
Votes cast 'AGAINST' the resolution	58,988	0.06	7	3.95
TOTAL VOTES	93,212,598		177	

The total number of direct and proxy ABSTAIN votes was 319,843.