

COURT APPROVES SCHEME

Aston Resources Limited (**Aston**) (ASX: AZT) is pleased to announce that the Federal Court of Australia has today made orders approving the proposed acquisition by Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) (**Whitehaven**) of all of the issued shares in Aston by means of a members' scheme of arrangement under Part 5.1 of the *Corporations Act, 2001* (Cth) (**Scheme**).

Court orders will be lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (**ASIC**) and the Australian Securities Exchange (**ASX**) on Thursday, 19 April 2012, at which time the Scheme will become legally effective. Aston's securities will then be suspended from trading at the close of trading on Thursday, 19 April 2012.

The key dates with respect to the implementation of the Scheme are as follows:

Effective Date	
Court order lodged with ASIC and announcement to ASX Last day of trading in Aston shares – Aston shares suspended from trading on ASX from close of trading on ASX	Thursday, 19 April 2012
Scheme Record Date	
Time and date for determining eligibility to receive Scheme Consideration	7.00pm on Friday, 27 April 2012
Implementation Date	
Issue of Scheme Consideration to Scheme Shareholders	Wednesday, 2 May 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.