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## **ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL IMPACT STUDY COMMENCES AT NGAKA COAL PROJECT**

Atomic Resources Limited (ASX: ATQ) (“Atomic”), through its Tanzanian subsidiary Tancoal Energy Limited, has commenced an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment study (“ESIA”) as part of the Bankable Feasibility Study (BFS) at the Ngaka Thermal Coal Project in Tanzania. The ESIA will be conducted by Paulsam and MTL Consultants in Tanzania and is expected to be completed before the end of the third quarter.

Atomic has also commenced a logistics and transportation analysis as part of a proposal for the export of coal from Tanzania and is hoping to have indicative costs for the logistical component by the end of the third quarter.

The ESIA will allow the Company to proceed with lodging mining applications and to seek environmental approvals from the Tanzanian Government (which is a joint venture partner in the Ngaka Project). The Ngaka BFS is expected to be completed by mid 2010.

Since May, Atomic has moved very quickly to initiate studies covering most of the core elements of the BFS – power generation, financing, transport & logistics and environmental & social impacts. Mine planning and mine infrastructure planning will commence once the ESIA has been completed and approvals have been granted.

Atomic Managing Director Dave Holden said, “The Ngaka Thermal Coal & Power Project is a critical “nation-building” project for Tanzania and enjoys the very strong support of the Tanzanian Government. The Ngaka project has the potential to increase Tanzania’s domestic power supply by 40%, provide employment and training opportunities for thousands of people, open up a new coal export industry and create new infrastructure

that will greatly enhance the economic growth and prosperity of a nation of 40 million people.”

*About the company:*

Atomic Resources Limited is a solid energy resource company with advanced coal resources in Tanzania and uranium assets in both Tanzania and Australia.

The Ngaka Thermal Coal Project is situated in western Tanzania. Atomic has delineated a 179Mt thermal coal resource at Ngaka. A significant proportion of the coal mined at Ngaka will be sold to feed a proposed 400 Mw IGCC “clean coal” power station to be built at the Ngaka mine site. The remaining coal will be exported and/ or sold to domestic customers.

**ENDS**

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