



Regent Pacific Group Limited

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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OPERATIONS UPDATE REGARDING ZHUN DONG

SUMMARY

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Regent Pacific Group Limited (“**Regent Pacific**” or the “**Company**”) is a diversified mining company with interests in copper and zinc, together with various interests in thermal coal assets in Asia, principally in China. The directors (the “**Directors**” or the “**Board**”) of the Company are pleased to provide the following operational update.

Zhun Dong, XinJiang Exploration Licence Renewal

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Between August and November 2008, the Company, acting through Regent Coal (BVI) Limited and Xin Jiang Regent Coal Limited (a direct and indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, respectively), undertook the exploration activity described below.

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Exploration Activity

Exploration activity has been undertaken at Zhun Dong, which was required for the process of renewing the four exploration licences currently held by Xin Jiang Regent Coal Limited. In this respect, Xin Jiang Regent Coal Limited appointed the Shangdong Institute of Mapping and Surveying Geology to carry out the exploration programme.

In accordance with the regulatory Chinese Standard, the programme included a total of four boreholes of variable depths of 553m to 816m, together with geophysics and seismic work completed over a 117.98 km² area. The drill programme focused not only on the exploration of a significant deep mine resource at varying depths of 200m to 800m, but also to identify the opportunity for open cut coal extraction within the northerly exploration licences.

The drilling programme was delivered on time and ahead of budget. Drilling ceased on site on 16 November 2008 and a fully competent data set was prepared, complete with an exploration licence renewal report.



The activity in the period included:-

Action	Activity
Seismic survey	8784 physical points over the 117.98 km ² EL area
Deep hole drilling	2563.76m of cored drilling – 4 holes
Magnetic survey	Completed over approximately 50% of the EL area (55.165 km ²)

The principal focus of the work was in respect of the competent collation of the requisite technical reports required to facilitate the renewal of the four exploration licences.

All the work was completed to a competent and acceptable standard and submitted in line with the requisite timetable.

On Behalf of the Board of
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