



# Regent Pacific Group Limited

*(Incorporated in the Cayman Islands with Limited Liability)*

Stock Code: 0575

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## INVESTMENT IN BATHURST RESOURCES LIMITED

### SUMMARY

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The subscription will be executed and completed in conjunction with the larger Placement of up to 125,000,000 new Bathurst Shares (inclusive of the 44,538,000 Bathurst Shares allocated to the Company), pursuant to which Bathurst will raise up to AUD 16,250,000 (or approximately US\$13,325,000 or HK\$103,935,000).





Prior to the Company's above referenced investment, the Company held no interest in Bathurst Shares.

The Placement is expected to complete mid to late June 2010.

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The Placement is not subject to any conditions, other than the quotation of the new Bathurst Shares issued under the Placement to ASX, which is expected to occur, and dealings in such Bathurst Shares to commence (completion), on or around mid to late June 2010.

The Bathurst Shares placed under the Placement will, when issued, rank *pari passu* in all respects with the existing issued shares of Bathurst, including the right to receive any dividends and other distributions declared following their quotation on ASX.

## Background on Bathurst

Bathurst (ASX:BTU) is a junior ASX listed coking and thermal coal developer, having recently negotiated and successfully concluded contractual rights to joint venture and subsequently acquire (subject to certain milestone payments) an exciting coking coal project (the Buller Project) located in the Buller Coalfield in the west coast region of the South Island of New Zealand.



The Buller Project is contained within two exploration permits in the Buller Coalfield in the western side of the South Island of New Zealand, a well known mining district, that collectively cover over 10,000 hectares of the Buller Coalfield. The Buller Project is predominantly an open cut hard coking coal project, with some thermal coal also on site suitable for limited industrial uses. The project has a JORC resource estimate of 7.3 million tonnes, split approximately 82 per cent. as to hard coking coal with the remaining approximate 18 per cent. allocated to industrial thermal coal. The remaining coal inventory (non JORC resources) is estimated between 50-90 million tonnes.

The hard coking coal is typically 4 to 6 metres thick, ranging between 2 to 10 metres with up to 80 metres of overburden. Based on publicly available information, the Company understands that Bathurst could be in production from as early as 4Q 2011 at an initial rate of 1Mtpa of product coal (with medium term upside to 2Mtpa from 2014), with 85 per cent. of its initial production to be in respect of high quality hard coking coal and the remainder as thermal coal suitable for industrial use.

The area adjacent to Project Buller has enjoyed over 100 years of mining and is served well by infrastructure, labour, power, water and transport routes to market.

### **Use of Proceeds from the Placement**

Bathurst intends to use the proceeds from the Placement to fund the acquisition of its option over the Buller Project, to complete its ongoing definitive feasibility study, to conduct additional drilling to further define and upgrade the resource and for general working capital purposes.

The Company is pleased to provide financial support to Bathurst to help it progress its stated strategy.

### **Reasons for subscribing for shares in Bathurst**

The Board considers a strategic and meaningful investment in Bathurst as complementary to our existing coal and coal related investments in China and a sensible diversification of our existing VMS interests.



In particular, the Board considers a meaningful investment in Bathurst as being attractive as it will give the Company a foothold in a company:

- with real exposure to coking coal, the global outlook for which the Board considers favourable in the near term
- that has the ability to develop into a near term mid-tier coking coal producer from as early as 4Q 2011
- whose operations are located in a proven coal region with a high coking coal proportion
- with access to pre-existing port and rail infrastructure
- that can become a high margin, low cost producer
- with possible exploration upside following completion of its ongoing definitive feasibility study
- whose shares should re-rate following commencement of production.

In short, the Board considers the Company's investment in Bathurst to be good value with the potential for significant growth.

## Definitions

In this announcement, the following expressions have the following meanings unless the context require otherwise:

<b>"ASX"</b>	Australian Securities Exchange
<b>"AUD"</b>	Australian dollars, the lawful currency in Australia
<b>"Bathurst"</b>	Bathurst Resources Limited, a company having limited liability, the shares of which are listed on ASX
<b>"Bathurst Shares"</b>	ordinary voting and listed shares in Bathurst
<b>"Board"</b>	the board of directors of the Company
<b>"China"</b>	Peoples' Republic of China
<b>"Company"</b>	Regent Pacific Group Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability, the Shares of which are listed on the HK Stock Exchange and are also traded on the OTC market (Freiverkehr) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange



“Director(s)”	the directors of the Company
“Group”	the Company and its subsidiaries
“HK Stock Exchange”	The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited
“HK\$”	Hong Kong dollars, the lawful currency in Hong Kong
“JORC”	the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves (2004 Edition), as published by the Joint Ore Reserves Committee, as amended from time to time
“Placement”	the placement by the Company of up to 125,000,000 new Bathurst Shares at AUD 0.13 (or approximately US\$0.11 or HK\$0.86) per Bathurst Share, for an aggregate amount of AUD 16,250,000 (or approximately US\$13,325,000 or HK\$103,935,000), as announced by Bathurst on 10 June 2010
“Shareholder(s)”	the holders of the Shares
“Share(s)”	the ordinary shares, with voting rights, of US\$0.01 each in the capital of the Company, which are listed on the HK Stock Exchange and are also traded on the OTC market (Freiverkehr) of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange
“US\$”	United States dollars, the lawful currency in the United States

Note: Unless otherwise specified herein, (i) amounts denominated in AUD have been translated, for the purpose of illustration only, into US\$ using the exchange rate of AUD 1.00 = US\$0.82; and (ii) amounts denominated in US\$ have been translated, for the purpose of illustration only, into HK\$ using the exchange rate of US\$1.00 = HK\$7.80.

On Behalf of the Board of  
**Regent Pacific Group Limited**

Jamie Gibson  
*Director*



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