



Regent Pacific Group Limited



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ANNOUNCEMENT

REGENT PACIFIC ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF DACRE PURCHASE AS CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE GROUP'S COAL DIVISION



(Hong Kong, 18 March, 2008) – Regent Pacific Group Limited (“Regent Pacific” or the “Group”; SEHK: 575) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dacre Purchase as Chief Operating Officer of the Group’s coal division.

Mr Dacre Purchase is a chartered mineral surveyor who graduated from Sheffield Hallam University in 1994 with a specialist degree in mineral estate management. Post graduation he joined Tarmac plc (Quarry Division). In August 1995 he returned to the opencast coal sector, joining the Scottish Resources Group (SRG), previously known as Mining Scotland Limited, the UK’s largest surface mining business.



Mr Dacre Purchase has held many senior executive positions with SRG. He was appointed Development Director for all the groups mining, property and renewable energy activities in March 2000; appointed Scottish Coal Managing Director in August 2005 and thereafter Scottish Resources Group Managing Director in March 2006, responsible for ensuring delivery of the group’s performance across all divisions and for implementing key business changes.





Mr Dacre Purchase specialises in the all aspects of mineral asset delivery; technical, contractual and legislative. Over the past 8 years he has delivered some of the UK's most significant opencast coal assets and associated infrastructure, not least the Powharnal coal asset situated within a site of special scientific interest and a European special protection area. He is also greatly experienced in the related fields of property development and biomass.

Commenting on the appointment, Jamie Gibson, CEO of Regent said "Dacre, who is now COO of the Group's coal division, is the right person to take the coal business forward. Dacre has extensive experience in the coal industry and we are personally delighted that he has enthusiastically accepted the challenge of leading the Group's coal business into production in an expedited manner."

On Behalf of the Board of
Regent Pacific Group Limited

Jamie Gibson
Director

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