



Regent Pacific Group Limited



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ANNOUNCEMENT



OPERATIONS UPDATE REGARDING PRODUCTION AT DAPINGZHANG GROUP OVERHEAD

INDONESIAN TRANSACTION

REGENT COAL (BVI) LIMITED (FORMERLY CCEC LTD)

NO DEBT AND NO HEDGING



SUMMARY

This announcement is made by the Company in compliance with Rule 13.09 of the Listing Rules and provides an operational update, including details of certain initiatives implemented to ensure the Company preserves its strong financial position.

The Company today (after market close), together with its joint venture partners in YSSCL, has decided that YSSCL is to revert to selective mining operations at Dapingzhang, Yunnan Province, China to reduce capex requirements and operating costs and enhance margins at current commodity prices, and will implement an approximate 53% headcount reduction of YSSCL's workforce through temporary and permanent layoffs. In addition, YSSCL will further reduce its employee costs through salary reductions in respect of certain of the remaining employees.

As at 21 November 2008, the Company had approximately US\$70 million in cash and listed securities, with no external debt or hedging arrangements. The Company is reducing its overheads by some US\$4 million per annum, with the resultant savings to come through from January 2009.

The Company is continuing to work towards completing the Indonesian coal transaction and, in light of the global economic outlook for the short-to-medium term, is in negotiations with its proposed joint venture partners concerning a significant reduction in the consideration the Company is to pay and the time at which the Company is to pay it. Currently, completion is expected to happen on or before 31 December 2008.

As completion of the Indonesian coal transaction is subject to the fulfilment of a number of conditions, the transaction may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.





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. In accordance with Rule 13.09 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “**Listing Rules**”) the directors (the “**Directors**” or the “**Board**”) of the Company are pleased to provide the following operational update, including details of certain initiatives implemented to ensure the Company preserves its strong financial position.

Production at Dapingzhang

Regent Pacific has today (after market close) determined with its joint venture partners, Yuxi Resources Corporation (50%) and Yunnan Dingtai Investment Co., Ltd (10%), both shareholders of Yunnan Simao Shanshui Copper Company Limited (“**YSSCL**”) (of which the Company holds the remaining 40% interest) that YSSCL will revert to selective mining operations at Dapingzhang, Yunnan Province, China to reduce capex requirements and operating costs and enhance margins at current commodity prices. YSSCL will continue to monitor and review its cost base as an ongoing matter.

YSSCL will continue to operate the largest mill that processes approximately 2,400 tonnes per day of disseminated copper ore containing a head grade of approximately 0.6% from stockpiles at the mine site. The current stockpile contains approximately 600,000 tonnes disseminated copper ore grading approximately 0.6% copper, which is just over 10 months’ feed. It is estimated that approximately 340 tonnes copper metal will be produced and sold per month until the stockpile is exhausted.

Processing of massive sulphide ore, including the production of a separate copper concentrate and zinc concentrate stopped in November 2008.

YSSCL is in the process of reducing its workforce by approximately 53% through temporary and permanent layoffs. Management of headcount will continue over the next few weeks, with the remaining workforce focused on operating the largest mill and its associated plant. In addition, YSSCL will further reduce its employee costs through salary reductions in respect of certain of the remaining employees.



As such, YSSCL will postpone the expansion of the largest mill and all other capital expenditure projects that are not essential for operating the largest mill.

The decision made by the shareholders of YSSCL is precipitated by the decline in the price of copper and zinc and the general deterioration of the economic outlook globally. This decision enables YSSCL to retain valuable copper and zinc assets that it will mine in the future when the copper and zinc markets return to levels that more accurately reflect underlying supply and demand fundamentals.

YSSCL and its shareholders will continue to closely monitor the commodities and global economic environment and will take appropriate actions in the best interest of the Company, its employees and its shareholders to continue the successful operation of YSSCL.

Reductions in Group Overhead

As at 21 November 2008, Regent Pacific had approximately US\$70 million in cash and listed securities. The Company is reducing its overheads by some US\$4 million per annum, with the resultant savings to come through from January 2009. Further savings in overheads will be implemented over the coming months, each of which will be designed to preserve the Company's strong financial position.

Indonesian Transaction

Reference is made to the Company's announcement dated 27 June 2008 and to its discloseable transaction circular dated 18 July 2008. The Company is continuing to work towards completing the Indonesian coal transaction by 31 December 2008 and, in light of the global economic outlook for the short-to-medium term, is in negotiations with its proposed joint venture partners concerning a significant reduction in the consideration the Company is to pay. Negotiations are proceeding well and the Company expects a significant portion of the reduced consideration to become payable post completion, by way of deferred consideration. Currently, completion is expected to happen on or before 31 December 2008.

The Company will keep shareholders properly informed and an appropriate announcement will be made to shareholders if and when an agreement is reached on reduced and deferred consideration.



As completion of the transaction is subject to the fulfilment of a number of conditions, the transaction may or may not proceed. Shareholders and potential investors should exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

Regent Coal (BVI) Limited (“Regent Coal”, formerly called CCEC Ltd)

Set out below is an update of Regent Coal’s four projects:

Ji Ri Ga Lang

Regent Coal, acting through Abagaqi Changjiang Mining Co. Ltd (“**ACMC**”, the joint venture company), is progressing the conversion of ACMC’s existing exploration licence into a mining licence with government agencies in Inner Mongolia. Progress has been made towards the completion of the principal contributory reports to facilitate the conversion process.

The final form geological report, which covers the 14.61 km² area allocated to the exploration licence, has been formally submitted to the relevant government authority and has been accepted for the approval process by the determining committee. The determining committee is currently reviewing and consulting with other government departments on the content of the geological report, which it needs to do before it can approve the report. Once approved, the geological report will form a cornerstone to the entire exploration licence to mining licence conversion process and will facilitate the completion of the supporting reports to be commissioned by the relevant government agencies.

In tandem with this process, the authorities have sought a coal transformation proposal which will “add value” to the coal reserve and increase the “at source” reserve efficiency. Regent Coal has commissioned a well respected PRC based design institute, Cleanstar Ltd (Beijing), to prepare a detailed feasibility study focussed on a locally developed coal drying technology. This coal drying process is likely to be well received by the determining authorities and will thus further support the exploration licence to mining licence conversion process.

Zhun Dong

Over the last four months, significant exploration activity has been undertaken at Zhun Dong, which is required for renewing the four exploration licences currently held by Xin Jiang Regent Coal Limited (“**Xin Jiang Regent**”, an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and



Regent Coal), all of which are set to expire in January 2009. In this respect, Xin Jiang Regent appointed the Shangdong Design Institute to carry out a US\$2.5 million exploration programme.

A total of 24 boreholes (variable depths 816m to 100m), together with geophysics and seismic work have been drilled and 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 (200m to 800m), but also to identify the opportunity for open cut coal extraction within the northerly exploration licences.

The drilling programme has been delivered on time and ahead of budget. Drilling ceased on site on 16 November 2008 and a fully competent data set will be available for detailed analysis and advanced modelling in late November 2008.

The activity in the period included:

Action	Activity
Seismic Survey	8784 physical points over the 117.98 km ² EL area
Deep hole drilling	2704.76m of cored drilling – 5 holes
Shallow drilling	1552.73m of drilling (mixed) – 17 holes
Shallow Trenching	19 trenches completed to a max depth of 4m, 3143m in total
Magnetic Survey	Completed over approximately 50% of the EL area (55.165 km ²)

The emphasis of the work being carried out is on submission of the requisite technical reports in respect of the renewal of the four exploration licences in January 2009.



Project X

On 25 August 2008 a 180 day extension to the Letter of Agreement (the “**LOA**”) was signed with the Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region Coal Geological Bureau. The LOA contains a road map to secure a joint venture agreement, which, in turn, would establish a joint venture company to hold and control the relevant exploration licence. Project X has a significant coal resource of approximately 3 billion tonnes of coal. The resource is in close proximity to power plants 1, 2 and 3 of Xilinhote City and is close to rail connections linked to large scale power plants 200km south of Xilinhote.

However, the capital commitment required for (i) earning a 55% interest in the joint venture company, and (ii) the development of the resource, is substantial and not currently in the contemplation of the Regent Coal or the Company. Accordingly, Regent Coal will seek and obtain a highly competent partner to co-develop the asset and progress the project or, failing which, it will not proceed with negotiations.

Ji Lin South

Regent Coal has decided not to proceed with this project and will not pursue negotiations further.



No Debt and No Hedging

As at the date of this announcement, the Group did not have any external debt, bank borrowings, forward contracts, derivatives or other hedging instruments in respect of its exposure to certain metal prices and foreign exchange.

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