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EQUUS MINING EXERCISES OPTION TO ACQUIRE REMAINING 49% OF ANDEAN COAL PTY LTD

Equus Mining Limited (ASX: EQE) ('Equus' or 'the Company') has made the decision to exercise the option to acquire the remaining 49% of Andean Coal Pty Ltd for a consideration of 16 million escrowed Equus shares.

By way of a Voluntary Restriction Deed the vendor has agreed to an escrow period to 23 May 2016, being the original expiry date of the option.

Upon completion of the transaction on 31 July 2015 Equus moves to 100% of Andean Coal Pty Ltd (see Map 1) and a dominate package of tenements over the coal bearing Loreto Formation with close proximity to vital infrastructure (see Map 2) and deep water shipping.

Equus Mining - Background

Equus is strategically positioned to take advantage of Chile's fast increase in coal fired electricity generation with a now 100% interest in a coal package centred on the coal bearing Loreto Formation in Chile's largest coalfield, the Magallanes Basin in Chile's Region XII.

Since the initial acquisition, the total exploration project area has been more than doubled, from 170 km² to 435 km² through additional exploration licence applications. These licences are situated in three project areas: Rubens, Perez and Mina Rica (see Map 1) and Equus now holds considerably greater than 50% of the available near surface strike extent of the coal bearing Loreto Formation. This is a dominate position over the largest known near surface coal occurrence in energy starved Chile.

All three projects have strong potential to host shallow dipping coal deposits suitable for bulk open cut extraction as indicated by a combination of adjacent historical exploration work, coal outcrop, float and intercepts in oil and gas wells in the general licence areas as well as historic regional work by BHP and Chile's state owned petroleum company ENAP. Despite Chile importing 80% to 90% of its current thermal coal needs and the Magallanes Basin being recognised as hosting the largest coal occurrence in Chile, the centre of a fledgling coal mining industry currently hosts just one operating mine.

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Map 1. Equus Mining's Three Thermal Coal Projects in the Magallanes Basin





