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Independent Directors Release

Update on takeover offer from Macarthur Coal Limited (Macarthur)

The independent directors of Gloucester Coal Ltd (James MacKenzie, David Brownell and Gregory Fletcher) note:

- the ASX announcement on 28 April 2010 by Macarthur that Macarthur has extended its takeover offer for all of Gloucester's shares (Offer); and
- the ASX release on 28 April 2010 of Macarthur's first supplementary bidder's statement.

The Offer will remain open for acceptance until 7.00 pm (Sydney time) on 13 May 2010.

The new date for Macarthur to give notice of the status of the conditions to which the Offer is subject is 5 May 2010.

For further information Gloucester shareholders should refer to Macarthur's ASX announcement of 28 April 2010 and its first supplementary bidder's statement.

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