Merger Proposal legally effective

Further to recent announcements in relation to the Merger Proposal, Gloucester Coal Ltd (ASX:GCL) ("**Gloucester**") confirms that an office copy of the order made by the Supreme Court of Victoria on 13 June 2012 approving the scheme of arrangement between Gloucester and its ordinary shareholders was lodged with ASIC today. Accordingly, pursuant to section 411(10) of the Corporations Act, the scheme is now legally effective.

Accompanying this announcement is a copy of the Court's order as lodged with ASIC.

The indicative timetable for the implementation of the scheme (which gives effect to the Merger Proposal) and the finalisation of the capital return is as set out in Gloucester's announcement of 14 June 2012.

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