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Abterra makes second coking coal mine purchase in 3 months

- To acquire 30.6% stake in Lingshi Coal Mine for RMB 234.8 million
- Purchase strengthens its position as one of the leading coking coal mining companies in Shanxi province
- On track to achieve 5 million production capacity per annum within the next 5 years

Singapore and Hong Kong, 17 August 2009 – Abterra Ltd., (“Abterra”, or the “Group”), an emerging supply chain manager of resources and minerals in Asia Pacific, has entered into a sales and purchase agreement (“Agreement”) to acquire a 30.6% stake in Shanxi Lingshi Fuyuan Coal Co., Ltd (“Fuyuan” or “山西灵石富源煤业有限公司”).

Fuyuan owns a coking coal mine (“Lingshi Mine”) spanning an area of approximately 5.434 square kilometres located in Jinzhong city, Lingshi county. In addition, Fuyuan also holds a mining licence valid till January 2012, which permits a production capacity of 210,000 tonnes per annum. According to a reserve report conducted by Shanxi Zhongji Coal Geological Survey (“山西省中普市煤田地质勘探队”), the Lingshi mine has total reserves of 33.36 million tonnes of coking coal.

The total consideration of RMB 234,787,680 will be paid in two tranches. The consideration was arrived on a willing-buyer willing-seller basis with reference to the reserve report.

“We are delighted with the Lingshi Coal Mine acquisition! Lingshi Coal Mine produces high quality semi-hard coking coal, which commands higher selling prices in the market. We believe Lingshi Coal Mine will prove to be a strategic acquisition for Abterra as we strengthen our position as one of the leading coking coal mine companies in the Shanxi province. We are on track to achieve our target of having 5 million tonnes of production capacity per annum.”

Mr Lau Yu, CEO of Abterra

Under the terms of the sales and purchase agreement, Abterra will purchase the entire issued and paid up capital of Abterra Fu Yuan Coal Company Limited (Target Company) from Shenzhen Manfu Industrial Company Limited (“深圳市满孚实业有限公司”) (“Vendor”). The target company will then be involved in a restructuring exercise, which upon completion will hold the entire registered capital of a foreign investment enterprise (“PRC SPV2”). PRC SPV2 will in turn hold 60% of the total registered capital of a domestic company to be established in China (“PRC SPV1”). PRC SPV1 will hold 51% of Fuyuan, effectively giving Abterra a 30.6% stake in the Lingshi mine.

Prospects of Coking Coal Industry in China

In a research report dated 8 May 2009, Goldman Sachs highlighted that PRC coking coal supply tightness has been supported by the Shanxi’s government crack down on small mines over safety issues. They estimated that over 50% of China’s supply comes from Shanxi province, and over 75% of Shanxi’s supply is from small mines, mainly located in Central and Southern Shanxi. Hence, the renewal of the government’s efforts to close small coal mines ahead of China National Day, will provide support for the coking coal prices in the medium term. Goldman Sachs is forecasting that the spot coking coal price to average RMB1,080/t for 2009 and up 10% yoy to RMB1,188/t for 2010.

“Abterra is in the mist of discussions with mainland Chinese banks and investors regarding the financing of more acquisitions. The Chinese investors are more familiar with the robust growth of the resources industry in China and are eager to support us in our growth strategy.”

“The Group is embarking on a new era of sustainable growth, supported by our twin engines of mining and trading. China’s unsatisfying appetite for resources will provide huge opportunities for the Group in the coming years!”

Mr Lau Yu, CEO of Abterra

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About Abterra Ltd.

Abterra Ltd. is primarily engaged in the businesses of the development of mineral business in countries including Australia, India, and Indonesia, and the international trading of iron ore; the sale of Chinese steel and iron products to India and South East Asian countries; domestic PRC logistics business and the operation and development of industrial real estate; and the business of coal mining, washing and processing of coal into coke among others.

For more information, please refer to the corporate website: www.abterra.com.sg

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