



Scoping Study Presentation

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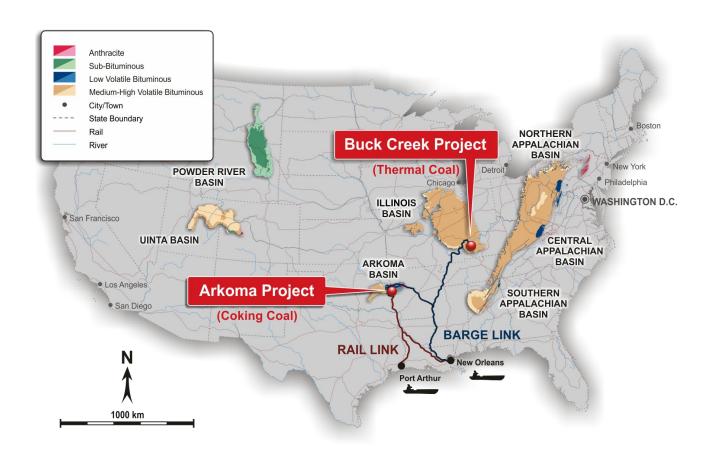
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## **Company Overview**

Developing infrastructure advantaged coal resources in the high quality, high growth Illinois Basin and the untapped premium coking coal Arkoma Basin





Share Price (since 31 Jul 13)

Sep-13

Jul-13

## **Capital Structure**

#### Tightly held capital structure with low Enterprise Value and strong cash and liquidity position

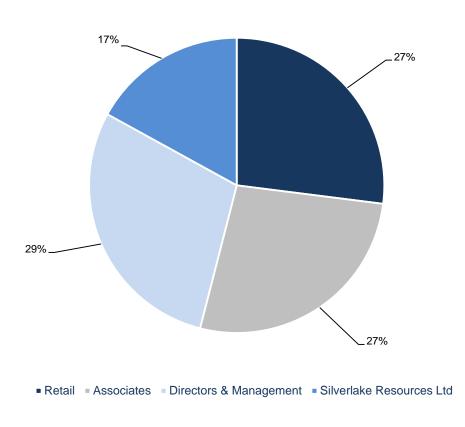
Capital Structure	
Current Shares on Issue	122,083,334
Options (exercise price ranging from 20 cents to 30 cents)	3,900,000
Performance Share Rights	4,400,000
Market Capitalisation (at 21 Mar 14)	\$46.4 million
Cash (31 Dec 14)	~\$6.5 million
Enterprise Value	\$39.9 million

#### \$0.40 Announce Infrastructure Maiden Coal Resource at Completion of Drilling at **Buck Creek** Review at Buck Creek **Buck Creek** Announce Geotech \$0.30 Results at Buck Creek Acquisition of US Coal Assets \$0.20 Commence Scoping Study at Buck Creek \$0.10 Announce Marketing Study Results at Buck Commence Target Announce Coal Quality Creek Drilling at Buck Creek Results at Buck Creek \$0.00

Nov-13

Jan-14

Mar-14





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# The Right Team

An experienced Board and Executive team with large cap coal mining experience in the USA covering the entire coal development cycle

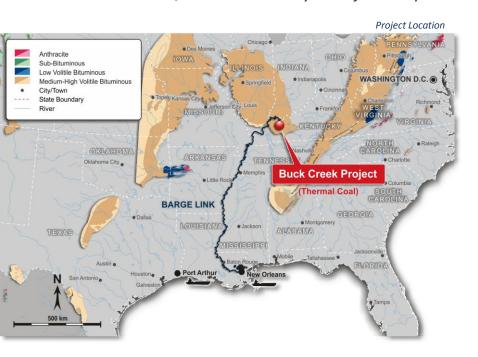
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Management Team	<b>David Gay</b> <i>CEO - USA</i>	<ul> <li>Mining Engineer with over 30 years of experience in developing coal resources projects covering the entire coal development chain</li> <li>Business Unit President at Pittston Coal Group (20 years experience)</li> <li>Vice President Mergers and Acquisitions and Business Development at Alpha Natural Resources, one of the USA's largest coal producers</li> </ul>			
	Matt Haaga COO - USA	<ul> <li>Mining Engineer with over 35 years of experience in developing coal resources throughout the USA</li> <li>Business Unit President and Vice President Engineering and Land at Peabody Energy (27 years experience), the world's largest private sector coal company</li> </ul>			
	<b>Mike Curry</b> Manager - USA	<ul> <li>Mining Engineer with Consol Energy and Alpha Natural Resources' Mergers and Acquisitions team</li> <li>Bachelor of Science from West Virginia University</li> </ul>			
	Nathan Ainsworth Business Development	<ul> <li>12 years of experience in Investment Banking and Investment Advisory specialising in the resources industry across North America, Europe, Middle East and Asia</li> <li>CFA Charterholder and member of Institute of Chartered Accountants</li> </ul>			
Board of Directors	lan Middlemas Chairman	<ul> <li>Highly respected resource executive with extensive finance, commercial and capital markets experience</li> <li>Current Chairman of Papillon Resources Ltd, Equatorial Resources Limited, Prairie Downs Metals Ltd, Berkeley Resources Limited &amp; former Chairman of Coalspur Mines Limited and Mantra Resources Limited</li> </ul>			
	David Chapman Executive Director	30 years resource industry experience as a geologist in senior and executive management roles with WMC Resources Ltd and the junior sector within Australia and overseas, covering operations, exploration project management and construction, business development and project financing			
	Taso Arima Executive Director	<ul> <li>Resource company executive with experience in development and funding of resource companies</li> <li>Founder &amp; former Executive Director of Coalspur Mines Ltd having been instrumental in developing Coalspur from a A\$3 million market capitalisation to a A\$1.2 billion market capitalisation company upon his departure</li> </ul>			
	David Griffiths Non-Executive	35 years resource industry experience with senior roles at WMC and Worsley Alumina, prior to establishing communications consultancy in Perth			

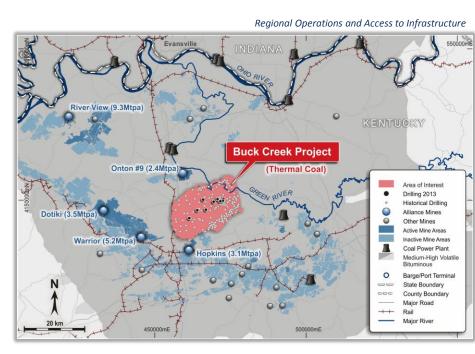
Co-founder and Non-Executive Director of Silver Lake Resources Limited



#### **Unparalleled Illinois Coal Basin Location**

Buck Creek Project is one of the last remaining large-scale undeveloped coal deposits with direct low cost barge access to the Ohio River coal market, not controlled by a major coal producer





- ✓ Paringa Resources Limited (ASX: PNL) owns 100% of the Buck Creek Coal Project located in the heartland of the Western Kentucky coal region of the Illinois Coal Basin
- ✓ Scoping Study completed confirming excellent project fundamentals low capex, low opex & high margins
- ✓ Simply replicating highly productive adjacent room-and-pillar mining operations resulting in a clean coal production target of 3.4Mtpa
- Significant scalability to increase clean coal current production target and potential to add a second mine in the western section of the Area of Interest



# **Strong Buck Creek Project Fundamentals**

Strong fundamentals, low development cost, existing infrastructure advantage and scalability confirms the potential for the Buck Creek Project to be developed as a significant new production source in the highly sought after Illinois Coal Basin



Buck Creek Scoping Study Key Parameters				
Clean Coal Production Target		3.4Mtpa		
ROM Production Target		4.7Mtpa		
Initial Mine Life		16 years		
Coal Geology	Hig	Highly Productive		
Mining Method		Room-and-Pillar (with continuous miners)		
Mine Access	S	Slope and Shaft		
Coal Handling & Process Plant	3-Stage	3-Stage Dense Media		
Access to Market		Barge Load-out (directly onto Green River)		
Average Sales Price Received	2015	2030		
	US\$51/ton	US\$58/ton		

Notes

Excludes cost of leased equipment

(3) Inclusive of leased equipment costs and exclusive of royalties and severance taxes

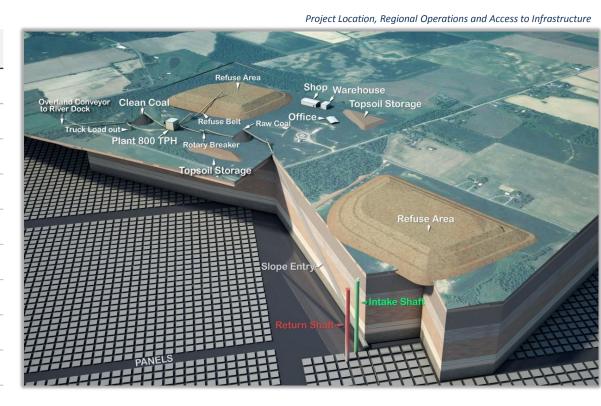
<sup>(1)</sup> Based on steady state production, inclusive of leased equipment costs and exclusive of royalties and severance taxes



### Low Cost Capital Development

Low mine development capital costs of US\$76 million and coal handling and process plant ("CHPP") and barge load-out facility capital costs of US\$33 million, totaling US\$109 of initial capital

**Buck Creek Initial Capital Costs US\$ million** Mine Development Costs 14.4 Slope 33.7 Shafts 12.0 Surface Facilities & Infrastructure 15.7 **Sub-total Mine Development** 75.8 **CHPP** 22.0 **Overland Conveyor** 7.9 Barge Load-Out Facility 3.0 **Sub-total CHPP & Barge Load-Out** 32.9



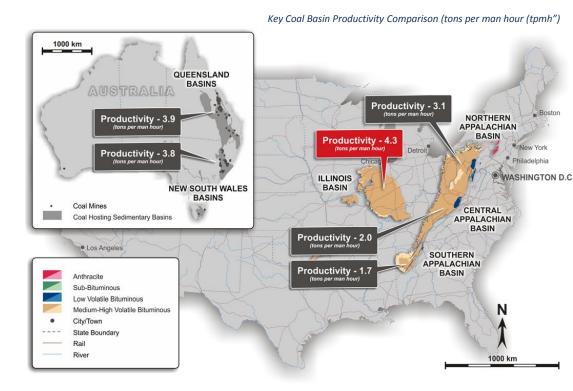
All mining services, construction personnel, contractors and parts are expected to be supplied and/or built by firms currently operating in the region



### **Low Operating Costs**

Buck Creek's location in one of the highest productivity coal regions in the world and direct access to the Ohio River market, results in extremely competitive operating costs

Buck Crook Operating Costs	US\$ per ton
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Labour Costs	7.1/t
Operating & Maintenance	12.7/t
Power & Utilities	1.0/t
Mine General Administration	0.1/t
Leased Equipment	2.4/t
Sub-total Direct Mining Costs	23.3/t
СНРР	4.1/t
Other	1.0/t
Average Annual Operating Costs	28.4/t

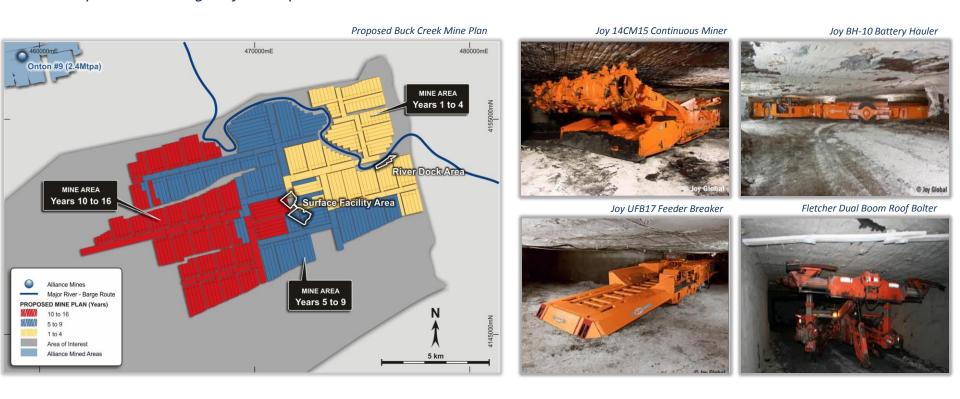


Operating costs are based on productivities, labor rates and key cost factors from similar mines currently operating adjacent to the Buck Creek Project



## Simple Mine Development

The Buck Creek Project is simply replicating highly productive adjacent room-and-pillar mining operations, resulting in a clean coal production target of 3.4Mtpa

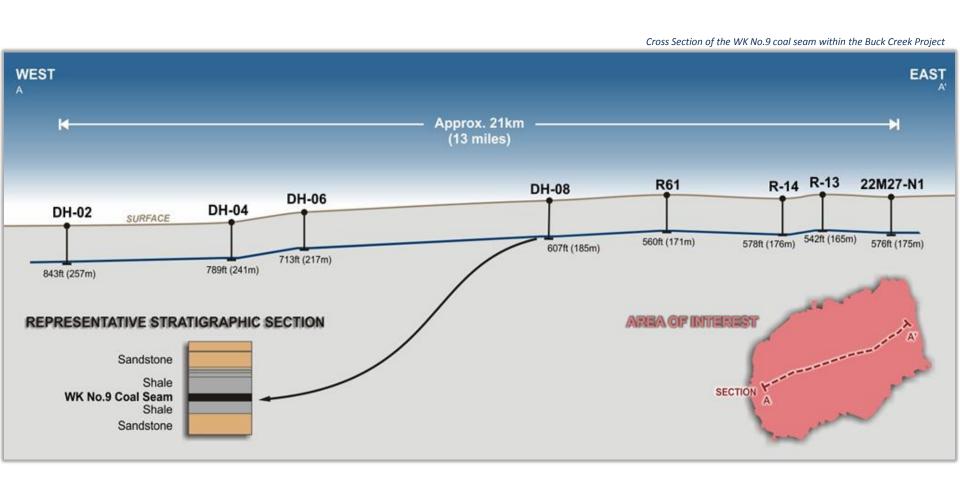


Buck Creek's plan to mine 4.7Mtpa of ROM coal will involve utilising 4 x super-section units each with 2 x continuous miners which is the common mining method in the Western Kentucky region of the Illinois Coal Basin



# Benign Mining Geology

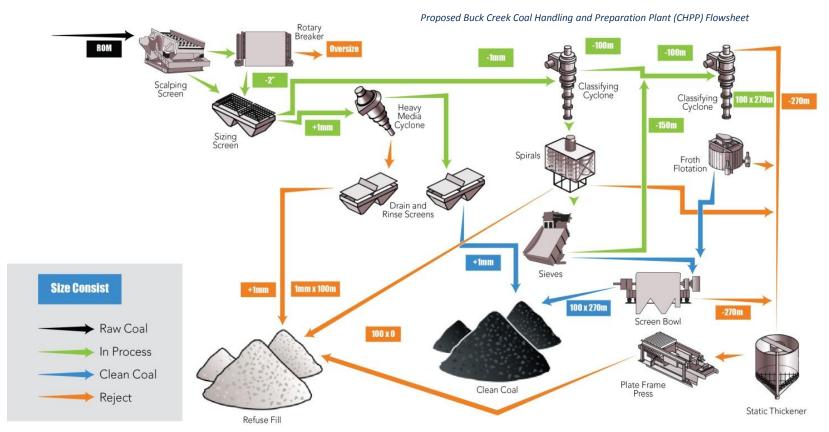
The WK No.9 seam within the Buck Creek Project is a flat (1° to 2° degree dip), consistent, and laterally continuous coal seam and is a major reason why the project can achieve such low operating costs





# Simple & Effective Coal Processing

The high coal core yields (+93%) of Buck Creek's WK No.9 coal seam lends itself to some of the highest regional CHPP yields of over 71%

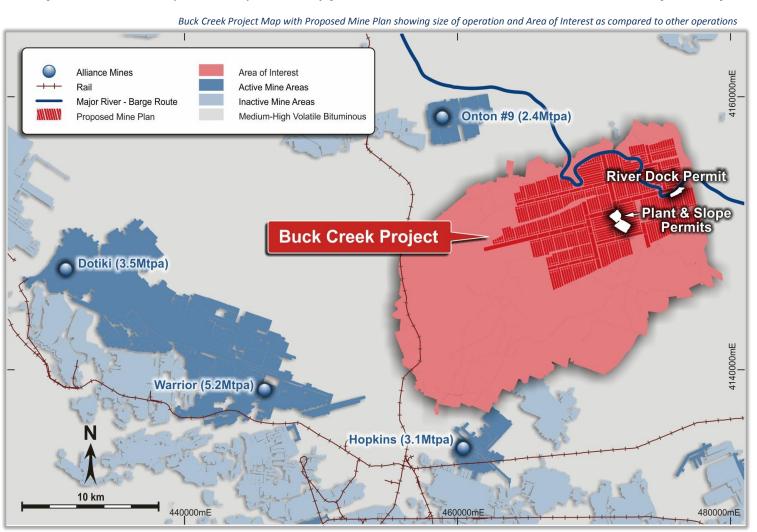


Buck Creek's CHPP will entail a 3-Stage Dense Media, 800 raw tons per hour process plant as depicted in the flow sheet above which is a common and simple process plant typically utilised in the region



### Significant Potential Scalability

Buck Creek Project's size can potentially accommodate increases to the current production rate of 3.4Mtpa and leverage off cash flows from the first mine development to potentially fund a second mine in the western section of Area of Interest

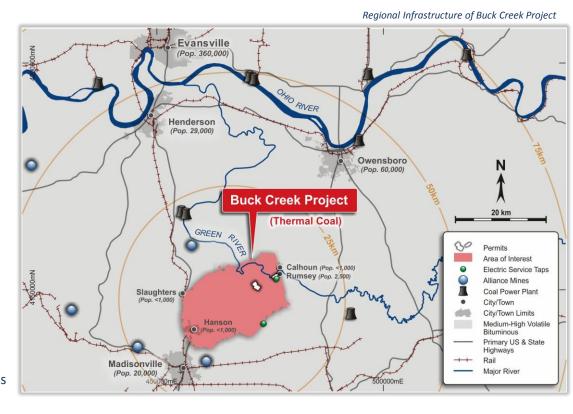




## **Excellent Regional Infrastructure**

Buck Creek's location in the heartland of the Western Kentucky coal mining region adds to the competitive advantage of developing a low operating and capital cost project in the high growth Illinois Basin

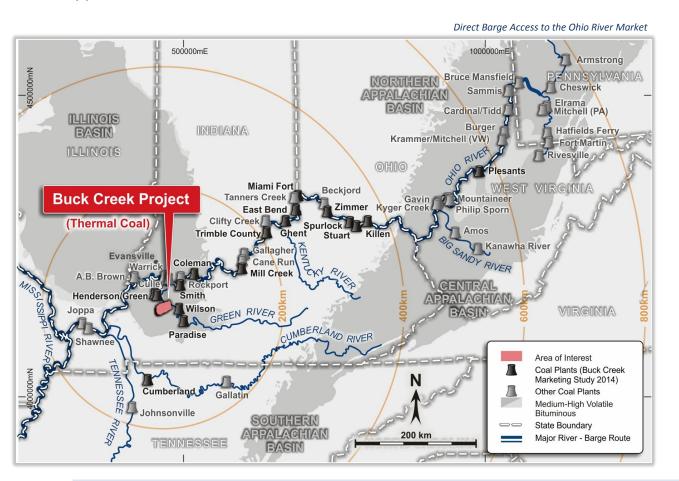
- ✓ Direct barge access to the Ohio River market
- ✓ Established Road and Rail networks
- ✓ Competitive Power (US6 to US7cents) and Water Utilities
- ✓ Highly Skilled Workforce based in nearby population centres
- ✓ Established coal mining equipment and services industries





#### Access to the Lucrative Ohio River Market

Buck Creek Project has direct low cost barge access to the lucrative Ohio River market which is transitioning from higher cost Central Appalachian coal to Illinois Basin coal





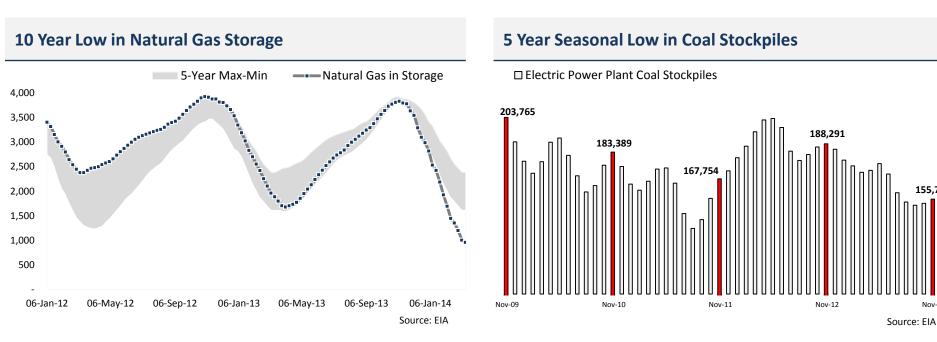
Zimmer Coal Power Plant (1.4GW)

Poice Plants Around the World

Buck Creek Marketing Study identified 18 power plants that received Buck Creek's coal specification in 2012, future studies to identify additional power plants that are now accepting Illinois Basin coal



#### US Thermal Coal Back on the Rise

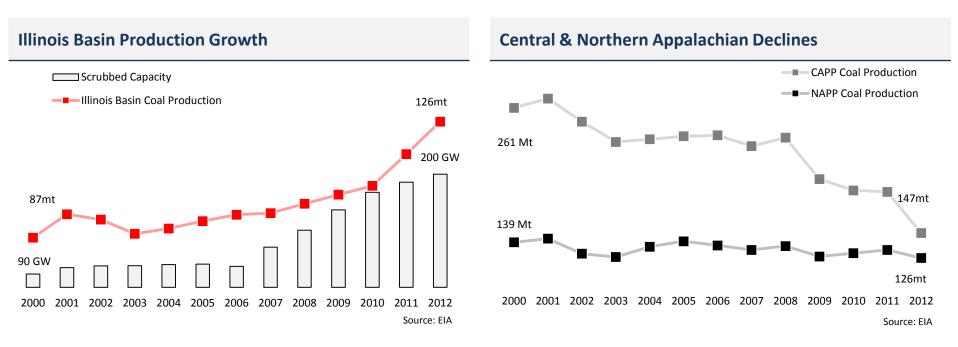


#### US Domestic Thermal Coal is set for a rebound over the upcoming North American summer season...

- ✓ US Natural Gas Storage has suffered significant drawdowns over the North American winter period and now stands at <1 trillion cubic feet or 10 year lows
- Horizontal drilling activity continues to focus on the liquid rich (oil) plays in areas like North Dakota (Bakken Shale) which has seen gas production growth decelerate over the last half of 2013
- Natural gas in working storage together with decelerating gas production has seen gas prices spike in February to over US\$6.00/mmcf (5+ year high) with gas prices now trading at ~US\$4.25/mmcf (100% increase over 2012 low)
- ✓ Coal stockpiles have been drawn down and now stand at a 5+ year seasonal low of ~155 million tonnes or <60 day coal burn
- ✓ Illinois Basin coal as a fuel source is very competitive in power plant generation at current gas prices (typically competitive down to ~US\$3.00/mmcf)



### Illinois Basin: A Growth Story

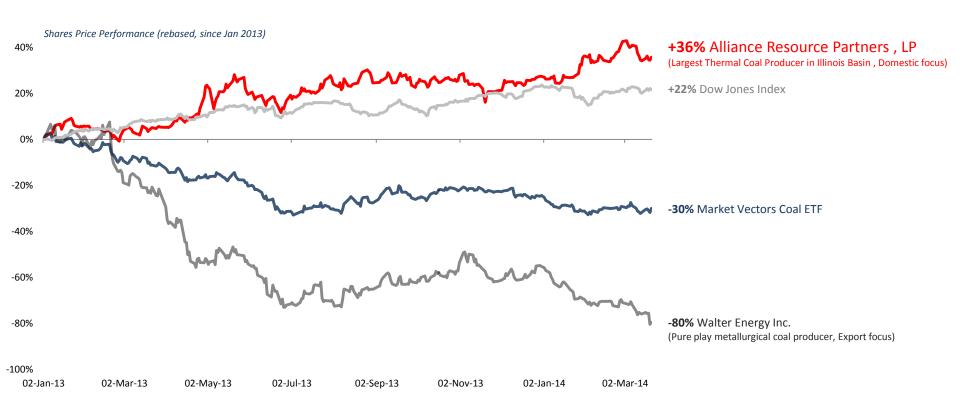


#### Thermal Coal is about selling heat value on a delivered basis to coal fired power plants - the Illinois Basin's rapid rise is due to:

- The widespread and growing installation of scrubbers (removes SO<sup>2</sup>) on US coal fired power plants (~67% fitted in USA and growing) removing sulphur as an issue
- ✓ The high calorific value of Illinois Basin coal (6,500+ kcal/kg, g.a.r.) is generally 40% higher than the Powder River Basin
- ✓ Superior geologic and mining conditions with relatively high productivity rates and low costs resulting in low fuel costs for coal power generators
- ✓ Infrastructure advantaged with excellent access to the key waterways of the US providing for low cost barging to established domestic and export utilities
- ✓ Significantly lower environmental issues when compared to the traditional basins in the US due to the benign topography of the region



#### Illinois Basin Market Performance



#### Illinois Coal Basin exposure has resulted in strong returns for investors in the sector over almost all other coal exposures...

- Alliance Resource Partners LLC (NASDAQ: ARLP) is a stand-out performer with its dedication to the domestic thermal coal market and majority operations in the Illinois Coal Basin
- ✓ Illinois Basin Domestic Thermal coal exposure has resulted in significant outperformance when compared with coking coal plays
- Illinois Basin's strong and consistent cash flow generating potential has also seen significant private equity investment in the basin over the last 5 years from the major energy focused private equity funds in North America



## **Short-Term Milestones**

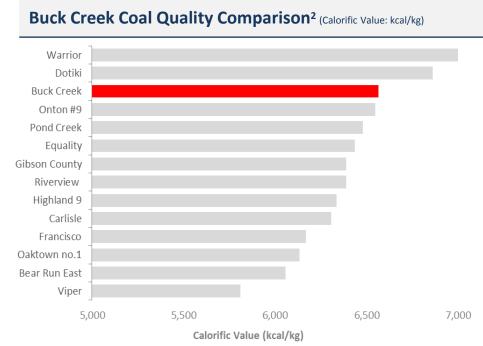
<b>√</b>	Shareholder approval and completion of Hartshorne acquisition	Completed (Oct 2013)
$\checkmark$	Complete Coal Resource Estimate in accordance with JORC Code	Completed
<b>✓</b>	1st phase development drilling program at Buck Creek Project	Completed
<b>√</b>	Commence Scoping Study on Buck Creek Project	Completed
<b>✓</b>	Results from targeted drilling campaign at Buck Creek Project	Completed
<b>√</b>	Results of Buck Creek Scoping Study	Completed
<b>√</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> phase development drilling program at Buck Creek Project	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014
<b>√</b>	Commence Pre-Feasibility Study on Buck Creek Project	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2014
<b>√</b>	Continue to add mineral leases to increase the Buck Creek Resource base	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half 2014
<b>√</b>	Evaluate potential for additional mine in western section of the Area of Interest	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half 2014
<b>√</b>	Results from Pre-Feasibility Study on Buck Creek Project	2 <sup>nd</sup> Half 2014



### Large, High Quality & Growing Resource

Paringa has secured a very large undeveloped position (+25,000 acres) in the Illinois Basin and is continuing to acquire leases to substantially increase the resource base

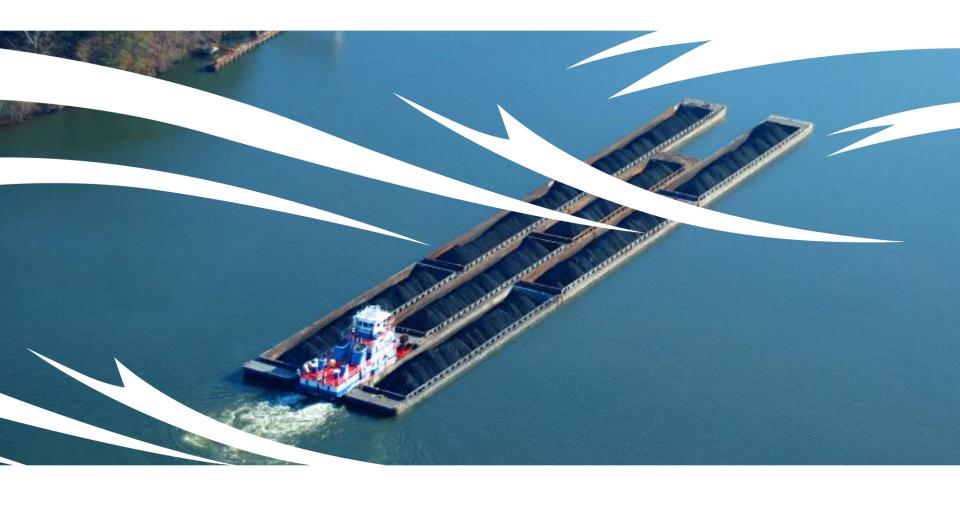
#### Buck Creek: JORC Coal Resource Estimate<sup>1</sup> (million tons) Measured 32.1 Indicated 104.8 **Total Measured & Indicated** 136.9 Inferred 17.5 **Total Coal Resource Estimate** 154.4 **Product Quality (+4% Eq. Moisture)** Calorific Value 6,564 kcal/kg (11,814 Btu/lb) 8.7% Ash 92.3% Yield



Notes

(2) Source: Hanou Energy Consulting, LLC 2011

<sup>(1) 163</sup> bore holes were used in the calculation





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