

ASX Announcement

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Paringa Resources Limited (“**Paringa**” or “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that the Company’s Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”), Mr David Gay, has agreed to join the Board of Directors as Managing Director of the Company, effective immediately. Mr Gay will also continue as the Company’s President and CEO.

Mr Gay has been with the group for over 2 years now, having been appointed as CEO in early 2014 and prior to that in charge of the group’s US operations from early 2013. During this time, Mr Gay has already substantially progressed the development of the Company’s Buck Creek No.1 Mine and the Board believes that his appointment as Managing Director is a timely progression for the Company as it moves forward with the funding and construction of the Buck Creek No.1 Mine located in the United States.

Paringa is currently completing a Bankable Feasibility Study (“BFS”) on the permitted Buck Creek No.1 Mine, following on from the successful Pre-Feasibility Study (“PFS”) completed in March 2015 which highlighted the strong project fundamentals, low development cost and existing infrastructure advantages of the Buck Creek No.1 Mine.

Commenting on the appointment, Paringa’s Chairman, Mr Ian Middlemas, said *“David’s appointment as Managing Director is a natural progression for him and the Company and we are delighted that he has accepted the position. He has an outstanding track record of developing coal projects in the US and is extremely well regarded in the coal mining industry. He has already demonstrated his value to Paringa through the acquisition, leasing, permitting, and exploration phases and will be critical to Paringa as we look to finance and construct the Buck Creek No.1 Mine.”*

Mr Gay is a Professional Mining Engineer with an MBA and has over 35 years of experience in developing coal projects in the USA. Mr Gay’s experience covers the entire coal development chain including leasing, permitting, exploration, construction, commissioning, production, mergers & acquisitions and financing activities (including project finance, high yield bonds, bank debt, structured finance and equity).

Prior to his role with the Company, Mr Gay was Vice President, Mergers and Acquisitions and Business Development at Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (“Alpha”), one of the USA’s largest coal producers. During his time, Alpha completed over US\$10 billion worth of mergers and acquisitions and transitioned into one of the largest coal companies in the US and the third largest coking coal exporter globally. Prior to that, Mr Gay led several large regional coal companies and was Business Unit President at Pittston Coal Group (20 years’ experience) which at the time was the largest coking coal exporter worldwide.

Mr Gay’s remuneration will remain unchanged.

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