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## Media Release

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### Malabar Coal's successful IPO is launched on ASX today

#### Highlights:

- ◆ **Successful IPO at \$1.00 per share:** implied market capitalisation of \$85 million at the IPO offer price
- ◆ **Fully subscribed raising of \$20 million:** very strong investment demand from new institutional, sophisticated and retail investors
- ◆ **Strengths of Malabar Coal's business include:**
  - Large resource in Upper Hunter Valley
  - High quality, well-known coking coal seams
  - Proximity to infrastructure
  - Competitive operating costs
  - Experienced Board and management team

Australian coal development company, Malabar Coal Ltd ("**Malabar**" or the "**Company**") today lists on the Australian Securities Exchange ("**ASX**") following its successful initial public offering ("**IPO**"). Malabar's market capitalisation at the listing price is \$85 million. Wilson HTM was the Lead Arranger, and Wilson HTM and RBS Morgans were the joint lead managers, bookrunners and underwriters.

Malabar's primary focus is the Spur Hill Underground Coal Project (the "**Project**" or "**Spur Hill**") in the established coal fields of the Upper Hunter Valley region of NSW. Malabar has a 27.7% interest in the Project and the right to increase its interest to 80%.

Funds raised through the IPO of \$20 million will be directed to continued development of the Project including: drilling, environmental studies and monitoring, engineering studies, development approvals, and strategic land acquisitions, as well as, general working capital and the costs associated with the IPO. This IPO raising follows on from the successful capital raising of \$20 million previously undertaken in April 2012.

"We are delighted with the support we received for the IPO which was substantially oversubscribed through new and existing investors," said Malabar's Chairman, Mr Wayne Seabrook.

"Successfully completing the IPO is another key step towards the development of this significant coking coal project for NSW. We expect to make considerable progress and achieve a number of key milestones over the next 12 months."

“Malabar Coal provides investors with exposure to a high quality, large-scale, Upper Hunter Valley coking coal development project at a time when there is a scarcity of Australian coal developers with coking coal investments that match Malabar’s potential.

“We believe Malabar Coal is also ideally positioned to capitalise on growth opportunities and may seek to acquire other Australian coal assets as part of the Company’s strategy of becoming a large-scale coal developer and producer,” Mr Seabrook said.

Malabar’s Board and management team has an established track record of successfully developing coal projects in NSW. The Board comprises (biographies attached):

- Wayne Seabrook – Chairman
- Hans Mende – Non-Executive Director
- Andy Plummer – Non-Executive Director
- Simon Keyser – Non-Executive Director
- Tony Galligan – Non-Executive Director

CEO, Peter Doyle, has 25 years experience in the NSW coal sector including project manager with Peabody and Excel Coal.

Malabar’s Directors did not sell any shares in the IPO, are subject to a 24 month escrow period, and will retain significant stakes in the business.

## Further information

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## Information on Malabar Coal

### Directors and Senior Management

#### **Wayne Seabrook, Chairman** (*BE Hons (Chem), MAusIMM, FFin*)

Wayne is the non-executive Chairman of the Company. Wayne has more than 30 years of resources sector and corporate finance experience. He has broad project development experience from previous roles with Alcoa, Macraes Mining, Minproc Engineers, and Barclay-Mowlem. Wayne has also held senior corporate finance roles with Macquarie Bank, Challenger and Wilson HTM. He has managed transactions for many coal companies including Felix Resources, Whitehaven Coal, Excel Coal, Cleveland-Cliffs, and AMCI.

#### **Hans Mende, Non-Executive Director** (*MBA*)

Hans has been President of AMCI since he co-founded the company in 1986. Hans has served as a director of Alpha Natural Resources (Inc) USA (ANR) and as Chairman of the Board of Directors of ANR Holdings from 2003 to 2005. He was a founder and non-executive director of Whitehaven Coal. Hans is currently a director of White Energy Ltd in Australia, and MMX Mineracao in Brazil, both publicly traded entities.

#### **Andrew (Andy) Plummer, Non-Executive Director** (*BSc, Mining Eng*)

Andy has over 35 years experience in the investment banking and mining industries. He was most recently an Executive Director of Whitehaven Coal and prior to that was an Executive Director of Excel Coal.

#### **Simon Keyser, Non-Executive Director** (*BBus, CA*)

Simon has over 20 years of finance sector experience, specialising in the resources and energy sectors. Simon held senior investment banking positions with Wilson HTM and Chase Securities (now JPMorgan Chase) and has managed transactions for coal companies including Felix Resources Ltd, Whitehaven Coal and Austral Coal. Simon is currently a director of ASX-listed Titan Energy Services Limited.

#### **Anthony (Tony) Galligan, Non-Executive Director** (*B Sc (Geology)*)

Tony has more than 40 years experience in the Australian coal industry. He has held senior positions in the areas of geology, project approvals and development, mine safety, and mine-related infrastructure. His most recent position was General Manager Infrastructure with Whitehaven Coal. He was Chairman of Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group.

#### **Peter Doyle, CEO** (*BSc, BE (Mining), MEngSci, MBA (Exec), Coal Mine Managers Certificate*)

Peter has over 25 years experience in the coal sector including specific expertise in coal mine approvals and operations. Peter's work history includes Project Manager at Excel Coal where he managed the approval process and pre-development activities for the large greenfield Wilpinjong Coal Mine, expansion design and approvals for the Wambo Coal Mine, and the Wambo Coal Terminal. More recently, Peter was Peabody Energy Australia's General Manager for Corporate & Operations Support.

## Spur Hill

Malabar has the right to earn up to 80% of the Spur Hill Exploration Licence (EL 7429). Spur Hill is located in the Upper Hunter Valley coal corridor in NSW and has the potential to become a major underground coal mine.



The Directors of Malabar believe that an underground mining operation can be developed to produce approximately 6 – 8 Mtpa Run of Mine coal over a mine life of greater than 20 years. The target seams are likely to produce: soft coking coal, semi-soft coking coal and export thermal coal.

