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The Manager Companies
ASX Limited
20 Bridge Street
Sydney, NSW, 2000

Dear Madam

Lodgement of Voluntary Environmental Impact Statement for Baralaba North

Cockatoo Coal Limited (ASX: COK) is pleased to announce the lodgement of its Voluntary Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for the expansion of the Baralaba North coal mine to 3.5 million tonnes per annum with the Queensland Department of Environment, Heritage and Protection ("DEHP").

The EIS has been prepared by Cockatoo Coal and subjected to an extensive independent peer review process to allow DEHP to conduct its review more efficiently. Furthermore, the EIS has been prepared under the Greentape Reduction measures implemented by the Queensland Government, raising the possibility of additional statutory timeframe reductions.

Cockatoo Coal's Managing Director, Mr Andrew Lawson, said that the EIS was another significant step along the path of expanding Baralaba North from the current 1.0 million tonne per annum approval (mining lease granted September 2013) to 3.5 million tonnes per annum to meet the Wiggins Island Coal Export Terminal Stage 1 development timeline.

"I am pleased to announce the submission of our EIS to Government. It is an important milestone for us to have delivered upon, and I believe the preparation of the EIS under the new Greentape Reduction measures may yield efficiencies to the statutory process. The Cockatoo approvals team have worked tirelessly to submit this significant document, and I thank them on behalf of the Board for their efforts."

Mr Lawson also acknowledged the efficiency improvements made by the Queensland Government to the statutory process. "I must commend DEHP, as well as the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, for the significant improvements made in response times to submissions from the Company. We also appreciate the assistance provided to Cockatoo to date through the Office of the Co-Ordinator General as part of our prescribed project status. The Queensland Government is delivering on its commitments to the Resource sector."

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