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**RE: Allegiance Coal Limited (ASX: AHQ)
Appointment of non-executive director**

Allegiance Coal Limited is pleased to advise that Mr David Fawcett has agreed to join its board as a non-executive director.

Mr Fawcett is a mining engineer with over 40 years experience in the coal industry, primarily in Western Canada. During his career he has had a broad range of responsibilities from early stage geology and exploration, through feasibility and regulatory processes, to operations, management and executive positions for major, intermediate and start-up companies. Mr Fawcett has been the recipient of several coal industry awards including the Coal Association of Canada's Award of Distinction in 2015. Mr Fawcett holds a Bachelor of Science Engineering Degree from the University of Alberta and is a registered Professional Engineer.

Highlights of his career include:

- Co-Founder and President of Western Canadian Coal Corp. - 1997 to 2003. Participation in the acquisition, exploration, and development of a number of coal properties, two of which became substantial mine operations. Involved with investor relations, financing, and marketing of future coal products to potential customers, primarily in Japan and Korea. Western Coal was taken over by US based Walter Energy Inc. for C\$3.5 billion.
- Chief Operating Officer of NEMI Northern Energy & Mining Inc. - 2003 to 2004. Responsible for the advancement of the Trend coal project, which subsequently became the Trend Mine operated by Peace River Coal Limited. Peace River Coal Limited was acquired by Anglo American in October 2011, for approximately C\$630 million.
- Senior Vice President of Hillsborough Resources Limited - 2005 to 2009. Led the advancement of coal projects, particularly Wapiti and Horizon projects, culminating in a joint venture with Anglo American plc and, subsequently, the merger of Hillsborough, Anglo American and NEMI Northern Energy & Mining Inc.'s northeast British Columbia coal projects to form Peace River Coal Limited. Hillsborough was acquired by Vitol Anker International in 2009.

Mr Fawcett was non-executive chairman of ASX listed Jameson Resources Ltd (ASX:JAL) from 23 December 2011 to 31 December 2014.

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