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Atlantic Coal plc
("Atlantic" or the "Company")

Termination of offer discussions

The Board of Atlantic notes the announcement made earlier today by the Board of Strategic Natural Resources plc ("SNR") that discussions between the two companies have been terminated and confirms that it is no longer in discussions with the Board of SNR about making an offer for SNR.

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About the Company:

Atlantic Coal owns and operates the Stockton Colliery which comprises an opencast anthracite mine and an adjacent anthracite washing plant. The mine is an established non-union surface mine encompassing circa 900 land acres in the Hazle Creek Valley, Pennsylvania and has an estimated proven reserve of 4 million tons. Mining of raw coal is from the high quality mammoth seam, while washing and sizing takes place in the 150 ton per hour coal preparation plant. J T Boyd Company, the Company's Competent Person, estimated that there is over 10 years of mine life from existing reserves at an average production rate of 400,000 Run of Mine ('ROM') tons per annum. Based on historic production levels, the mine is capable of and is projected to produce approximately 450,000 ROM tons of coal per year. Mining operations are conducted by the use of hydraulic excavators. Uncovered raw coal is then loaded into 100 ton trucks for delivery to the onsite preparation plant. As each section of the mine is developed, mining progresses from the northern and southern faces into the basin. This yields a constant flow of raw coal to the preparation plant.