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Change of Director's Interest Notice

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Introduced 30/9/2001.

Name of entity	Macarthur Coal Limited
ABN	40 096 001 955

We (the entity) give ASX the following information under listing rule 3.19A.2 and as agent for the director for the purposes of section 205G of the Corporations Act.

Name of Director	Nicole Hollows
Date of last notice	28 October 2008

Part 1 - Change of director's relevant interests in securities

In the case of a trust, this includes interests in the trust made available by the responsible entity of the trust

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (i) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

Direct or indirect interest	Indirect interest						
Nature of indirect interest (including registered holder) <small>Note: Provide details of the circumstances giving rise to the relevant interest.</small>	Refer Annexure A						
Date of change	N/A						
No. of securities held prior to change	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Direct</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indirect</td> <td>Ordinary shares</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14,500</td> </tr> </table>	Direct		Nil	Indirect	Ordinary shares	14,500
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Indirect	Ordinary shares	14,500					
Class	N/A						
Number acquired	Nil – no change						
Number disposed	Nil – no change						
Value/Consideration <small>Note: If consideration is non-cash, provide details and estimated valuation</small>	N/A						
No. of securities held after change	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Direct</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">Nil</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indirect</td> <td>Ordinary shares</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14,500</td> </tr> </table>	Direct		Nil	Indirect	Ordinary shares	14,500
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<p>Nature of change Example: on-market trade, off-market trade, exercise of options, issue of securities under dividend reinvestment plan, participation in buy-back</p>	<p>N/A – no change</p>
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Part 2 – Change of director's interests in contracts

Note: In the case of a company, interests which come within paragraph (ii) of the definition of "notifiable interest of a director" should be disclosed in this part.

<p>Detail of contract</p>	<p>Participation in the Macarthur Coal Long Term Incentive Plan</p>
<p>Nature of interest</p>	<p>Refer Annexure A</p>
<p>Name of registered holder (if issued securities)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Date of change</p>	<p>22 December 2008</p>
<p>No. and class of securities to which interest related prior to change Note: Details are only required for a contract in relation to which the interest has changed</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Interest acquired</p>	<p>Rights to 46,766 ordinary shares</p>
<p>Interest disposed</p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p>Value/Consideration Note: If consideration is non-cash, provide details and an estimated valuation</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Interest after change</p>	<p>Indirect Rights to ordinary shares 46,766</p>

+ See chapter for defined terms.

Annexure A

1 **Indirect interest held prior to change**

At the date of this notice, Nicole Hollows has an indirect interest in 14,500 ordinary shares. The registered holder of these shares is the Hollows Family Trust. A relevant interest arises as Ms Hollows is the trustee and a beneficiary of the Hollows Family Trust.

2 **Acquisition of indirect interest under Plan**

The change in this notice refers to the total number of shares to which Nicole Hollows has an interest under the Macarthur Coal Long Term Incentive Plan (**Plan**).

Ms Hollows was offered an opportunity to participate in the Plan for the 2008 and 2009 financial years. Ms Hollows has accepted the offer made by the Company to participate in the Plan for 46,766 ordinary shares (**Shares**).

CPU Share Plan Pty Ltd (**Trustee**) will acquire the Shares for the purposes of the Plan and will be the registered holder.

The Shares are subject to certain performance criteria to be assessed over the following performance periods:

- (a) for the 2008 financial year, the period commencing on 1 July 2007 and ending on 30 June 2010; and
- (b) for the 2009 financial year, the period commencing on 1 July 2008 and ending on 30 June 2011.

Once the Shares have been acquired by the Trustee, Ms Hollows will not have a present right to receive any of the Shares and will not have a present right or power to exercise, or control the exercise or the right to vote in relation to, or the right to dispose of, any of the Shares. Ms Hollows may receive all, some, or none of the Shares following assessment of the performance criteria at the end of the relevant performance period or otherwise in accordance with the Plan rules.

If Shares have been acquired by the Trustee which are not allocated to Ms Hollows on trust for the purposes of the Plan, they may be subsequently allocated to other participants in the Plan.