

PARINGA APPOINTS EXPERIENCED U.S. BASED BANKING & COAL EXECUTIVE AS MD & CEO

HIGHLIGHTS:

- **Paringa appoints Mr. Grant Quasha, a U.S. based banking and coal executive, as MD & CEO**
- **Mr. Quasha was recently CCO of Bowie, the largest U.S. producer of Western bituminous coal**
- **Also held senior natural resources banking roles with Trafigura and JPMorgan in New York**
- **Mr. Todd Hannigan moves to Deputy Chairman and will remain actively involved with Paringa**

Paringa Resources Limited (“**Paringa**” or “**Company**”) is pleased to announce that it has appointed highly regarded U.S. based banking and coal executive, Mr. Grant Quasha, as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, effective from 19 June 2017. Mr Todd Hannigan will move to Deputy Chairman and will remain actively engaged in the direction of the Company. Mr Tom Todd will move to a Non-Executive Director role and Mr Taso Arima will step down from his Non-Executive Director position.

Mr. Quasha’s previous role was the Chief Commercial Officer of Bowie Resource Partners, LLC (“**Bowie**”), the largest producer of Western bituminous coal in the United States, where he was responsible for corporate strategy, business development, sales, marketing, and logistics.

Mr. Quasha has extensive experience in the U.S. natural resource sector, having previously been the North American Manager of Corporate and Structured Finance at Trafigura AG and prior to that an investment banker in JPMorgan’s New York Mining and Metals division. Mr. Quasha holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Cum Laude, from Harvard College and a Master of Business Administration degree with Distinction from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Quasha is based in Kentucky and will lead Paringa’s highly experienced construction and operational team. In addition, Mr. Quasha will focus on securing additional coal sales contracts and increasing the market awareness of Paringa with U.S. based retail and institutional investors as the Company evolves from an emerging coal developer to the Illinois Basin’s next mid-tier coal producer.

Paringa’s proposed new Managing Director & CEO, Mr. Grant Quasha, said: *“I am very excited to join Paringa which has two outstanding coal assets that can be developed to generate robust, reliable cash flows for shareholders. Paringa’s high quality asset base, excellent team and strong balance sheet all drove my pursuit of this opportunity.*

“With construction ready to start next month and the project fully funded, the Poplar Grove Mine is set to become a new stalwart in the dynamic Illinois Basin market. With known geology, technically straightforward mine development and low capital costs, the Poplar Grove Mine will provide a high-quality product and strategic supplier diversification for the region’s customers.

“The technical, operational and development expertise of our team will ensure we bring this project in on time and on budget. Their wide ranging and direct experience in technically and geographically similar operations give me considerable assurance that we have the best team to build out the Poplar Grove and Cypress Mines.

“Paringa has learned from the challenges that the thermal coal industry has faced over the past decade and has smartly financed this venture primarily out of equity and will continue a conservative financial course. The balance sheet is in a strong position and the Company has an additional US\$20 million project debt facility from Macquarie.

“Upon completion of the Poplar Grove Mine the Company is well positioned to continue its growth with the Cypress Mine and other potential opportunities. While recent market conditions have been difficult, this has created opportunity for a well-capitalized new entrant, enabling Paringa to grow to a mid-tier producer in the region.”

Paringa’s new Deputy Chairman (elect), Mr. Todd Hannigan, said: *“Grant is an outstanding executive and I look forward to working closely with him to execute our plan to build Paringa into a highly successful U.S. coal company. He has a unique combination of capital markets, coal sales and marketing and operational experience, and the timing makes sense to transition to a U.S. based CEO as we begin construction and to lead Paringa into our next phase. Grant was very successful in leading Bowie’s domestic and export coal sales market penetration and we look forward to him replicating this success with Paringa. In addition, on behalf of the Paringa Board, I would like to thank Taso for his valuable services to the Company.”*

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About Grant Quasha

Mr. Quasha’s previous role was the Chief Commercial Officer of Bowie Resource Partners, LLC (“**Bowie**”). Bowie is the largest coal producer in the Western Bituminous and owns three longwall coal mines and one room-and-pillar mine with productive capacity of 13 million tons of high-heat, low-sulfur bituminous thermal coal. Mr. Quasha helped create Bowie in 2013 with the acquisition of the Utah assets of Arch Coal and the integration of the Bowie #2 mine. Mr. Quasha was responsible for all business development and corporate strategy at Bowie along with management of all coal sales, marketing and transportation activity.

Mr. Quasha has extensive experience in the US natural resource sector. Prior to joining Bowie Resource Partners, he was the North American Manager of Corporate and Structured Finance at Trafigura AG and worked as an investment banker in JPMorgan’s New York Mining and Metals division.

Mr. Quasha holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Cum Laude, from Harvard College and a Master of Business Administration degree with Distinction from Harvard Business School. In addition, he sits on the Board of Directors at the National Mining Association. Mr Quasha was born in the U.S. and resides in the State of Kentucky.

Overview of Paringa's Operational Experience

David Gay – President

Alpha Natural Resources

- Vice President, Mergers and Acquisitions

Pittston

- Involved in (as the engineer, general manager or subsidiary President) in the permitting, development, construction and start-up of approximately six underground and six surface mines in several states and in greatly varying conditions.
- Responsible for the construction of a major coarse refuse upstream construction high-hazard slurry impoundment with an earthen core and cap.

Quaker Coal

- Responsible for the construction and start-up of several greenfield surface and underground mines.
- Responsible for the conversion and expansion of (mining method – underground to surface / highwall miner) two mining operations.

Matt Haaga – Chief Operating Officer

Peabody

- Responsible for the construction and build of four underground mines of the basic size and unit set up of Poplar Grove. Responsibility included layout, design of openings, fan and ventilation shaft construction and setup
- Responsible for two shaft sinking raise bore machines and the respective construction crews, directly involved in the boring, lining and installation of ventilation fans for all of Peabody's Illinois Basin underground operations. During his five years at this position the shaft sinking crews averaged 8 – 10 airshafts per year
- Responsible for numerous infrastructure construction projects including shaft elevator installations, large slurry cell and MSHA dam construction and major overland belt systems
- Responsible for all major construction projects for the company – very broad base and high level involvement with rail line and loop construction, storage silo and dock construction, mine and preparation plant builds and major dragline and shovel builds

Black Beauty

- Oversaw the construction of their greenfield Vermillion Grove mine which included the driving and construction of a 1100 ft slope with an in-house crew, the build of a 400 tph prep plant and associated rail loadout

Highland Mining (wholly owned subsidiary of Peabody)

- Responsible for the construction of the Highland mine in Union County (Western Ky). The 1400 ft slope was a 16 degree steep angle with hoist, bathhouse and warehouse and 3 mile overland belt to an existing prep plant. The mine site was greenfield and was a five unit 4.0 Mtpa operation.

Rick Kim – General Manager

Arch Coal

- Oversaw the mine development and operations for the US\$400 million Leer Mine, an underground longwall mine, in a gassy and geologically complex coal seam

United Coal / Metinvest

- Managed the Roaring Creek Project, a US\$150 million greenfield project that included a 4-unit underground room & pillar mine, CHPP, and 14-mile railroad line

Massey Energy

- Conducted the budgeting, engineering, vendor selection, and initial construction management for the Randolph Mine (underground room & pillar) and Admiral CHPP
- Managed the construction of the Horse Creek Mine, a room and pillar met coal operation, at the company's Marfork Coal subsidiary
- Managed the design, engineering, and vendor selection process for the 12.5 mile overland conveying system at the Mammoth Coal subsidiary

Brent Hawley – Manager of Coal Preparation & Surface Facilities

Arch Coal / Mountain Laurel

- Mine Manager responsible for all underground production and maintenance activities at an underground longwall mine operating in two coal seams
- Director of Process Improvement at a major longwall mining complex focused on managing and implementing cost reduction and productivity improvement strategies at the underground mine and CHPP
- CHPP Manager for a 2,100 ton / hour preparation plant which washed multiple feeds from surface and underground operations to serve the metallurgical, thermal and PCI markets
- Managed a workforce consisting of engineers, foreman, equipment operators, mechanics, and electricians
- Provided engineering support and oversight of plant processes
- Directed coal movement to ensure production and profits were optimized

Arch Coal / Coal Mac, Inc.

- Quality Control Engineer at a major surface mining operation with two surface mines, one deep mine, CHPP and two loadout facilities
- Directed all coal movement from two surface spreads and deep mine to schedule, blend, and monitor all thermal coal shipments by truck and rail
- Oversaw loadout, sampling, and scale house employees at two facilities to ensure shipments met contract specifications

Remuneration

Mr. Quasha will receive a salary of US\$350,000 per annum and a discretionary bonus of up to US\$175,000 per annum upon the achievement of relevant key performance indicators to be determined by the Company. Mr. Quasha will also be granted 3,500,000 performance rights (exercisable for nil consideration upon satisfaction of various key project development milestones with expiry dates between 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2020).

Forward Looking Statements

This report may include forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are based on Paringa's expectations and beliefs concerning future events. Forward looking statements are necessarily subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of Paringa, which could cause actual results to differ materially from such statements. Paringa makes no undertaking to subsequently update or revise the forward-looking statements made in this announcement, to reflect the circumstances or events after the date of that announcement.