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Cuadrilla confirms Commitment to Environmental Assessments

Please find attached an announcement released yesterday by Cuadrilla Resources, AJ Lucas' 44% owned associate, confirming its commitment to environmental assessments and strengthening its exploration programme by adding additional exploration well sites.

Cuadrilla intends to complete its existing business plan, albeit in a different sequence. Phase 1 of its exploration programme has been completed and, as the Company enters the next phase of its programme, Cuadrilla wishes to broaden and deepen the scope of its activities and consequently its involvement and consultation with the community. A full Environmental Impact Assessment will be undertaken for each well site.

Finalisation of Cuadrilla's business plan for this next stage of development remains on track for end 2014. This stage largely revolves around estimating what percentage of gas can be recovered from the very large quantity of gas that is contained in this prospect.

AJ Lucas is of the view that the announcement by Cuadrilla is not material within the context of Lucas' share price or Cuadrilla's activities. The change in sequence is designed to produce greater certainty in the achievement of Cuadrilla's business plan.

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About AJ Lucas Group Limited

Lucas is a leading provider of specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and waste water, resources and public infrastructure sectors. In particular, it is the largest supplier of drilling and gas management services to Australia's coal industry. Other divisions provide construction and civil engineering services together with facilities management.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Current investments include a 44% shareholding in Cuadrilla Resources, an exploration and production company focused on unconventional hydrocarbons, and a 25% direct interest in the Bowland and Weald shale basin prospects in respectively North West and South East England. Past projects successfully developed and exited include the Company's investments in Gloucester Basin, Sydney Gas and ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin.

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CUADRILLA STRENGTHENS COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS AND SHALE EXPLORATION IN LANCASHIRE

Francis Egan, Cuadrilla's Chief Executive, said:

"Ongoing technical analysis of the data we have gathered from our exploration of the Bowland Basin Shale in Lancashire has confirmed our assessment that the 1200 km² licence area holds at least 200 trillion cubic feet of gas. An important next milestone for the exploration programme is to reach an estimate of what percentage of this very large quantity of natural gas in the ground could be recovered for use in generating electricity and heating our homes and workplaces.

"As we continue our exploration programme Cuadrilla proposes to broaden and deepen the scope of both community consultation and environment risk assessment by completing a full Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for each exploration well site where we seek planning consent for drilling, hydraulic fracturing and flow testing. We recognise that within the complex UK regulatory framework governing planning this process can prove lengthy but we are determined to spare no effort in meeting our exploration targets in an environmentally and socially sustainable manner.

"At our existing exploration well site at Anna's Road, where the application to drill has been under consideration by Lancashire County Council, we will modify the application to include an EIA covering the proposed drilling, hydraulic fracturing and flow testing programme and submit this later in the year. Subject to all necessary approvals, we intend returning to the site and completing work in 2014.

"In addition, given the scale of the natural gas resource we have discovered and the potential it has to produce, Cuadrilla proposes to strengthen its exploration programme by adding a number of additional temporary exploration sites during 2013 and 2014 to assess gas flow rates. We will discuss each proposal in detail with local communities and other stakeholders.

"Cuadrilla's schedule underlines our firm commitment to completing the exploration programme of this major natural gas discovery in a safe, responsible and timely manner."