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**SUPPLY OF COAL AND SHALE TO COCKBURN CEMENT LTD MUNSTER CEMENT AND LIME WORKS
- THE GRIFFIN COAL MINING COMPANY PTY LTD (ADMINISTRATORS APPOINTED) (“Griffin Coal”)**

Adelaide Brighton Ltd notes that following the 3 January 2010 appointment of Administrators to Griffin Coal pursuant to Section 436A of the Corporations Act, a first meeting of creditors was held today. The Administrators confirmed again their intention to continue to trade Griffin Coal. A representative of the Adelaide Brighton Ltd subsidiary Cockburn Cement Ltd was appointed to the Committee of Creditors.

Under the terms of a Coal Supply Agreement executed in 2007, Griffin Coal is the exclusive supplier of coal to the Munster, Western Australia cement and lime works of Cockburn Cement until 31 December 2017. Coal is transported by rail from Griffin Coal’s site at the Collie Coal Field, Western Australia under a long term Rail Freight Agreement with Australia Western Railroad Pty Ltd, to stockpiles at Cockburn’s Munster site.

Following the appointment of Administrators to Griffin Coal, Cockburn Cement has had discussions with both Griffin Coal management and the Administrators, and has at all times been assured that Griffin Coal is continuing to supply Cockburn Cement under the terms of the Coal Supply Agreement. At present, coal supplies are continuing as usual.

Cockburn Cement’s Munster plant consumes approximately 400,000 tonnes of coal per annum. Coal and gas are the two major fuels for the kilns operating at the site.

Griffin Coal also supplies Cockburn Cement with shale, which is used in the production of Cockburn Cement’s *COCKBURN CREME®* range of products. Griffin Coal is at present continuing supplies of shale to Cockburn Cement.

Cockburn Cement has lodged a proof of debt with the Administrators in the amount of \$919,142.42, for losses associated with procuring coal and gas from alternative sources as a result of Griffin Coal’s failure, in the period prior to the appointment of Administrators, to supply in accordance with its obligations under the Coal Supply Agreement.

Adelaide Brighton Ltd notes that there is degree of uncertainty as the voluntary administration process continues. Accordingly, Cockburn Cement is in discussions with alternative suppliers for the supply of coal and shale or substitute products.

In the present circumstances it is not possible to state whether there will be any material adverse impact to Adelaide Brighton Ltd or what impact there may be. Further updates will be given as significant developments occur.

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