



**Media Release**  
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## **East Energy employs former Coffey Mining chief geologist to boost exploration at major QLD coal project**

### **Key points:**

- East Energy employs highly experienced senior geologist to expedite development of Blackall coal project in QLD,
- Blackall tenement hosts historical 79 – 90 million tonne mineralisation target<sup>1</sup>,
- Company believes scope exists to increase the mineralisation target considerably and plans to commence an aggressive drilling campaign shortly,
- Negotiations with drilling contractors regarding access to at least one rig nearing completion,
- East Energy to fast-track delineation of JORC compliant resource at project,

Perth-based coal exploration company East Energy Resources (“East Energy” or “the Company”) is pleased to announce the appointment of Peter Tighe as a senior geologist to further expedite exploration and development at its Queensland-based coal projects, most notably the highly prospective Blackall Coal Project (EPC 1149), in the Adavale Basin in Queensland.

This tenement, made up of 300 sub blocks, is known to contain significant thermal coal mineralisation. Historical estimates based on drilling and other data confirms the presence of a 79 – 90 million tonne mineralisation target. Importantly, this historical mineralisation covers only a small area of the 900 km<sup>2</sup> tenement.

Mr Tighe has more than 25 years of technical and management experience in coal and mineral sands geology, exploration and mine planning and several years experience in down-hole geophysics for the coal and coal seam gas industries.

Previously he was chief geologist for Coffee Geotechnics Pty Ltd, managing the company’s mining and geotechnical engineering business in North Queensland. Prior to joining East Energy Peter was employed as Coffey Mining’s Regional Manager – QLD.

He also established from startup RG Geologging Australia Pty Ltd, a full service geophysical logging company offering geophysical equipment to the coal and coal seam gas industries.

Peter graduated from the University of Queensland in 1979, with a Bachelor of Science Majoring in geology. He has been a member of the Australian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy since 1990.

East Energy Chairman Terry Byrt said he was delighted with the appointment of Mr Tighe, who would help to expedite the commencement of an aggressive drilling campaign at the Blackall Coal Project, following the finalisation of necessary pre-exploration activities.

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<sup>1</sup>Mineralisation Target is not JORC Compliant (Refer ASX announcement 22 January 2008)



"We are ecstatic to have secured someone of Peter's standing to lead the technical evaluation of our projects." Mr Byrt said.

"At Blackall, independent technical due diligence has identified a potential mineralisation target of approximately 79 to 90 million tonnes of thermal coal. We look forward to utilising Peter's particular expertise in coal exploration and mine development to prove up this mineralisation target and aggressively explore the previously un-explored areas of the tenement."

The East Energy technical team is in the final stages of completing the drilling program for the project. The company confirms that exploration drilling will commence very shortly.

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### **Company Background**

East Energy Resources has acquired the rights to two coal tenements in the Bowen Basin and Adavale Basin in Queensland.

The Norwich Park tenement is an exploration phase project with identified coal material in the western portion of the block. Coal measures are being mined adjacent to the tenement area and further data review, exploration and drilling is required to assess the area.

The Blackall tenement includes a potential quantity of coal measures of thermal coal which has been defined by a limited number of drill holes. Large adjacent areas remain to be evaluated.