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Company Announcement

Appointment of Chief Financial Officer

New Hope Corporation is pleased to announce that effective Monday 31st August 2009, Mr Shane Stephan will join the company as Chief Financial Officer. Mr Stephan has extensive industry experience across a broad spectrum of operational, financial and executive roles, most recently as the Chief Development Officer at Macarthur Coal Limited.

Mr Stephan's appointment to this key role will compliment the existing executive management team with extensive commercial and financial expertise to implement the Company's long term capital management plan, and underpin future growth opportunities.

Mr Robert Neale, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer said, "Shane's broad commercial and financial experience in the coal industry provides welcome additional capabilities to a well experienced executive management team as New Hope continues to evaluate future growth opportunities."

Additionally, the company is pleased to welcome recent appointments, Mr Jim Randell as General Manager - New Acland Coal, Mr Kevin Rayfield as Terminal Manager - Queensland Bulk Handling and Mr Paul Stringer as General Manager - West Moreton Coal. Through proven and successful performance, each are recognised leaders in their respective fields with extensive coal industry experience. These appointments continue to build on the already strong operational management team and will be instrumental to the delivery of planned operational improvements and expansions.

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