

# Update on Challenger's Barito Coal Project Development

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CALGARY, June 20, 2013 - [Challenger Deep Resources Corp.](#) ("Challenger" or the "Company") (TSX VENTURE:CDE) is pleased to provide an update on development progress at its Barito coal project in Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. The Barito project is comprised of two production licenses, KEM and ABBR. Following the completion of Challenger's private placement financing in April, 2013, an initial drill and mine planning program was initiated on the KEM production license.

## Summary

The KEM drilling program commenced on April 20, 2013 and, up to June 16, 2013 a total of 25 holes have been completed.

- Total metres drilled: 1,213m
- Open Hole metres: 1087m
- Coring metres: 126m

One Jacro 175 and one Down Hole Geophysical logging unit were mobilized to the site to conduct the program. An additional drilling rig is to be mobilized to the site in the near future.

## Program

The first phase of the drilling program was designed to test the package of seams from 4-8, as interpreted from surface mapping and test pitting.

The program commenced drilling on the interpreted outcrop line of seams 5 and 6.

## Results

Drill testing on seams 5 and 6 has now been completed and drilling is currently focused on seam 4. A total of 8 separate seams have now been intersected. The seams from South to North include:

- Seam 4, 4A
- Seam 5
- Seam 6 and 6A
- Seam 7A, 7B, 7C

Average true thickness for each seam:

- Seam 7c = 0.66m
- Seam 7b = 0.88m
- Seam 7a = 1.26m
- Seam 6 = 2.40m
- Seam 6a = 0.69m
- Seam 5 = 0.61m
- Seam 4 = 1.28m
- Seam 4A = 0.85m

Total thickness of package = 8.63 meters.

The drilling completed to date indicated that the zone covering seams 4-6 now comprises a package of eight seams. Seams 5 and 6 have now been tested to a maximum vertical depth of 65m and display excellent continuity, extending for a strike length of 600m through the KEM IUP and open along strike to the NW and SE. This confirms initial interpretations that the seams strike into neighbouring properties including the ABBR production license. The seams strike at 320 degrees and dip at approximately 30 degrees to the NE and are

located on the western limb of a broad, shallow synform structure. The discovery of additional seams has the potential to increase the overall scope of the Barito project.

Analytical results from the drilling confirm the coal quality of seam 6 compared to the previous outcrop samples. Once the seam distribution is more fully understood a comprehensive program of additional test pitting and drilling is planned to type the coal quality of all the seams.

#### **Drilling overall has confirmed:**

- seam continuity
- seam thickness
- seam quality
- the discovery of additional seams not found in previous outcrop mapping

#### **Strategy and Immediate Program**

The goal of the initial program is to define seam geology and geometry with confidence for the zone covering seams 4-8 in order to enable completion of feasibility studies including open pit optimization and scheduling for KEM stage 1 production.

The clarification of the seam geological model in KEM will enable cost effective exploration on the seam package into the ABBR license. The immediate program is to complete drill evaluation of seams 4-8 zone above and complete detailed topographic surveys.

All the outcrop, test pit and drill samples were processed by the Geoservices Laboratory in Banjarbaru, South Kalimantan. Industry standard Quality Control and Quality Assurance protocols were employed in the sample acquisition, preparation and analysis procedures.

The Qualified Person (as defined by NI 43-101) responsible for the review, verification and approval of the technical material presented in this news release is Mr. Andre Talaska, a director of PT Bestindo Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of Challenger.

#### **About Challenger**

[Challenger Deep Resources Corp.](#) is an exploration company focused on the Asian coal industry. Challenger's business plan is to acquire, explore and to bring its viable coal projects into production. Challenger has an experienced Indonesian exploration and mining team with offices in Calgary, Singapore and Jakarta.

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