

Cluff Natural Resources Plc ('CLNR' or 'the Company')
**Appointment of environmental and planning consultants for Kincardine Underground
Coal Gasification Project, Scotland**

Cluff Natural Resources Plc, the AIM quoted natural resources investing company, today announces the appointment of Environmental Resources Management ('ERM') as the Company's environmental and planning consultants for the proposed Kincardine Underground Coal Gasification ('UCG') Project in the Firth of Forth, Scotland (the 'Project'). The Project and the planning process represent an important step towards the commercialisation of the Company's portfolio of UCG licences.

ERM is a leading global provider of environmental, health, safety, risk, and social consulting services and, working with CLNR's appointed geological and drilling consultants, it will prepare the Company's application for planning approval of the proposed Project, working principally from its Edinburgh and Aberdeen offices.

ERM's role will include site screening and selection, environmental impact assessment, hydrogeological modelling, stakeholder and regulatory support as well as advising on permitting requirements.

Algy Cluff, Chairman and Chief Executive commented:

"We are delighted to have ERM working with us on our licence at Kincardine in the Firth of Forth. We recently announced a JORC-compliant coal resource at the licence and it has been identified and selected as an ideal site for a UCG project. The appointment of ERM as our environmental and planning consultants is a key development as we advance towards planning approval and unlocking of the massive energy potential of this significant asset and the coal which surrounds our shores."

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- CLNR currently holds eight UK licences for Deep UCG, covering a total area of 613km².
- UCG can unlock an indigenous energy resource which is currently stranded due to its location and due to the entrenched decline of UK's mining industry.
- The establishment of a new UCG industry in the UK could create new employment opportunities and tax revenues, with skills requirements similar to other industries currently in decline in the UK including coal mining, oil & gas and the petrochemical industries.
- UCG can increase UK security of energy supply by utilising indigenous resources and providing a diversification of supply.
- In order to 'demonstrate' UCG technology in a UK context, CLNR is seeking planning consent for its Kincardine Project. The aim of the Project is to demonstrate the UCG process and to allow consent authorities, regulators and the public to have an opportunity to see how the technology would work in practice (from environmental management/protection and technical/commercial perspectives) before submitting applications for production development.
- The Project will comply with all relevant planning, permitting and environmental protection legislation. CLNR intends to work closely with the consent authorities and regulators in preparing its planning application for the Project

Further information about CLNR, our investors and UCG technology can be found on our website www.cluffnaturalresources.com