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Cuadrilla Submits Roseacre Wood Exploration Site Planning Application

AJ Lucas (ASX:AJL) is pleased to advise that Cuadrilla Resources, the Company's 45% owned associate, has submitted a planning application to Lancashire County Council for its proposed Roseacre Wood shale gas exploration site. The proposal covers the works required to drill, hydraulically fracture and test the flow of gas from up to four exploration wells on the site.

A detailed Environmental Statement resulting from the Environmental Impact Assessment produced by independent consultants at Arup has been submitted with the planning application. Both the Environmental Statement and the application will be available to the public once validated by the Council, which is expected to be within two weeks.

Following validation, the Council will launch a formal consultation process in order to allow the public to comment. It is expected that the planning application will be decided by Council within a 16 week determination period

Chairman of AJ Lucas, Phil Arnall said: "This is another important step in the Cuadrilla development plan and follows just a few days after the application was lodged for the proposed Preston New Road site."

About AJ Lucas Group Limited

AJ Lucas is a leading provider of specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and waste water, resources and public infrastructure sectors. In particular, it is the largest supplier of drilling and gas management services to Australia's coal industry.

AJ Lucas is also a proven developer of unconventional hydrocarbon properties. Current investments include a 45% shareholding in Cuadrilla Resources Holdings Limited, an exploration and production company focused on unconventional hydrocarbons, and direct interests of 18.75% of the Bowland Licence and 25% of the Weald Licence in respectively North West and South East England. Past projects successfully developed and sold include AJ Lucas' investments in the Gloucester Basin in NSW, Sydney Gas Limited, ATP651 in Queensland's Surat Basin and a 6.25% interest in the Bowland prospect.