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**Cuadrilla: Lancashire County Council's Planning Officer  
Recommendations on the applications to drill, fracture and flow test up to four  
wells at Preston New Road and Roseacre Wood**

AJ Lucas Group Limited (ASX: AJL) is pleased to note the recommendation from the Lancashire County Council (Council) Planning Officers meeting in Preston, Lancashire, United Kingdom yesterday.

Commenting on the recommendation on behalf of AJ Lucas ("the Company") Phil Arnall, Chairman of the Company and non-executive director of Cuadrilla, said:

*"As a significant investor in Cuadrilla, I am pleased with the positive recommendation of the Planning Officers on the Preston New Road application and look forward to the Councillors' decision at the end of June. This recommendation is another important step forward in the building of a significant asset for Cuadrilla and AJ Lucas."*

In response to this recommendation, Cuadrilla released the following statement:

*"We are pleased that Lancashire County Council's Planning Officers have recommended that the Councils' Development Control Committee grant planning consent for our application at Preston New Road. In January 2014, Officers recommended refusal at Preston New Road only on grounds of night-time noise and we duly submitted additional information on mitigation measures, which was publicly consulted on, to further bring down noise levels well below limits set out in government guidance."*

*We note that, as in January, the Planning Officer's report is satisfied with all other aspects of the planning applications, in particular with regard to drilling and fracking. These include Air Quality, Archaeology and cultural heritage, Greenhouse gas emissions, Community & socio-economics, Ecology, Hydrogeology & ground gas, Induced seismicity (including subsidence), Land Use, Landscape and visual amenity, Lighting, Resources and waste, Water resources and Public Health.*

*For our application at Roseacre Wood we supplied additional information regarding traffic routes which we and our expert advisers believe addressed issues which were raised in the Officer's report in January. Whilst we remain confident that our original proposed route was adequate, the alternative route suggested also met with all necessary guidelines in our view. We are disappointed that Officer's do not support this in their negative recommendation today, however we are pleased to note that as with Preston New Road, they are satisfied with all other aspects of the Roseacre Wood planning applications.*

*We will await the Councillors' decisions on both these applications at the end of June."*



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**About AJ Lucas Group Limited**

AJ Lucas is a leading provider of pipelines, specialist infrastructure, construction and drilling services to the energy, water and wastewater, 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 in each of the Bowland, Elswick and Bolney Licences in the UK. 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.