IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEME

Aston Resources Limited (Aston) (ASX: AZT) is pleased to announce that the scheme of arrangement under which Whitehaven Coal Limited (Whitehaven) will acquire all of the issued shares in Aston (Scheme) has been implemented. Accordingly, all of the issued shares in Aston have today been transferred to Whitehaven Coal Holdings Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitehaven in accordance with the terms of the Scheme.

An application to remove Aston from the official list of the ASX has been made and delisting will occur in due course.

Issue of Scheme Consideration

The Scheme Consideration, being 1.89 Whitehaven shares for each Aston share held by Aston shareholders registered on the Scheme Record Date (7.00pm on Friday, 27 April 2012), has today been issued. Holding statements will be despatched to Aston shareholders on 4 May 2012.

Resignation and appointment of directors

As a result of the Scheme being implemented, the following directors will resign from the Aston board, effective 3 May 2012, Nathan Tinkler, Mark Vaile, Philip Christensen, Rick Gazzard and David Ryan.

Anthony Haggarty, Allan Davies, Peter Kane, Austen Perrin and Timothy Burt will be appointed as directors of Aston effective from 3 May 2012.

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ABOUT ASTON

Aston Resources currently owns 85% of the Maules Creek Project. Maules Creek is considered to be one of only few remaining “Tier-1” undeveloped coal assets in Australia. Maules Creek is located in the Gunnedah Basin of New South Wales.

Maules Creek’s production mix is expected to comprise a majority of metallurgical coal and a premium, low ash, export thermal coal.