



## ASX Announcement

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### Environmental Baseline Studies Commence on Berkh Uul Coal Project in Mongolia

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Viking Mines Limited (ASX: VKA, the “**Company**” or “**Viking**”) today announced that Auminco Mines Limited (**Auminco**) has engaged a Mongolian consultancy group to commence environmental baseline studies on the Berkh Uul coal project. The baseline study is a significant and required component of the application process for a mining licence for Berkh Uul.

Auminco, an unlisted public coal development company is currently the subject of a takeover offer by Viking, for which acceptances are now above 97% and is unconditional.

Sustainable Environmental Consulting LLC (**SEC**), a well- established Mongolian based consultancy group which specializes in environmental impact assessments, has been engaged by Auminco’s Mongolian subsidiary company BRX LLC to undertake the study. The baseline survey will involve collection of information on regional and local environmental aspects including air quality, water studies, flora and fauna biodiversity, landscape, noise and dust, plus social aspects including land utilization, socio-economic conditions, cultural heritage and a survey of local inhabitants.

The SEC baseline study will be conducted in accordance with Mongolian Laws on Environmental Protection, Conducting Environmental and Social Impact Assessments and Regulations on Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, as required by the Mongolian Ministry of Environment and Green Development.

SEC will commence the study this week, with the final report due in two months.

In addition to providing information for input into the approvals process for a mining licence for Berkh Uul, results from the study will also provide baseline environmental and social data for input into the planned Berkh Uul feasibility study.

The Berkh Uul Project is located 200km east of Darkhan City, within 40km of rail access to the existing Trans-Mongolian Railway, which provides a transport link to Darkhan to the south and Russia to the north (Figure 1).

Peter McMickan  
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The information in this Public Report that relates to the Exploration Results and Mineral Resources of Auminco Mines Limited is based on information compiled by Mr Matt Morgan, who is a Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Mr Morgan is a full time employee of Auminco Mines Ltd. Mr Morgan has sufficient experience that is relevant to the style of mineralization and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity that he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Morgan consents to the inclusion in this presentation of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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### **About the Berkh Uul Coal Project – Mongolia (Auminco 100%)**

Berkh Uul is located 400 km north of Ulaanbaatar in northeastern Mongolia within the Orkhon-Selege coal district and within 20km of the Russian border. The project is within 40km of rail access into Russian off-take markets, in close proximity to water, infrastructure and transport.

The exploration permit is valid to 2015. A Mongolian consultant has been engaged to carry out a study to satisfy Government requirements on environmental, social, technical and commercial considerations, with a Mining Lease application included in the Consultant's engagement.

The deposit consists of shallow, consistent coal seams of high quality bituminous coal amenable to open pit mining. Discussions with nearby cement works and power stations confirm a local industrial demand for unwashed Berkh Uul coal, due to its low ash and relatively high calorific value. This has been evidenced by the signing of four non-binding Memoranda of Understanding with Darkhan Thermal Power Plant, Erdenet Power Plant, Darkhan Metallurgical Plant, and the Khutul Cement and Lime Plant.

On 17 March, 2014, Viking announced a new Indicated and Inferred coal resource estimate, classified in accordance with the JORC (2012) Code, for the Berkh Uul coal project. The resource estimate was completed for Auminco by consultancy group, RungePincockMinarco Ltd, and totals 38.3 Mt. Of this, 21.4Mt is classified as Indicated and 16.9Mt classified as Inferred. The coal is bituminous in rank (ASTM classification) with average in situ quality as follows: Total Moisture 19.8%, Calorific Value 5,323 kcal/kg (air dried basis, adb), Ash 15.5% (adb), and Total Sulphur 0.37% (adb).

The information in this Report concerning the Mineral Resources of Auminco is extracted from Viking's announcement to the ASX entitled "New 38.3Mt resource for Merger Company's Mongolian coal project" dated 17 March, 2014, and is available to view on Viking's website at [www.vikingmines.com](http://www.vikingmines.com). Viking confirms that it is not aware of any new information or data that materially affects the information included in the original market announcement and, in the case of estimates of Mineral Resources that all material assumptions and technical parameters underpinning the estimates in the relevant market announcement continue to apply and have not materially changed. Viking confirms that the form and context in which the Competent Person's findings are presented have not been materially modified from the original market announcement.

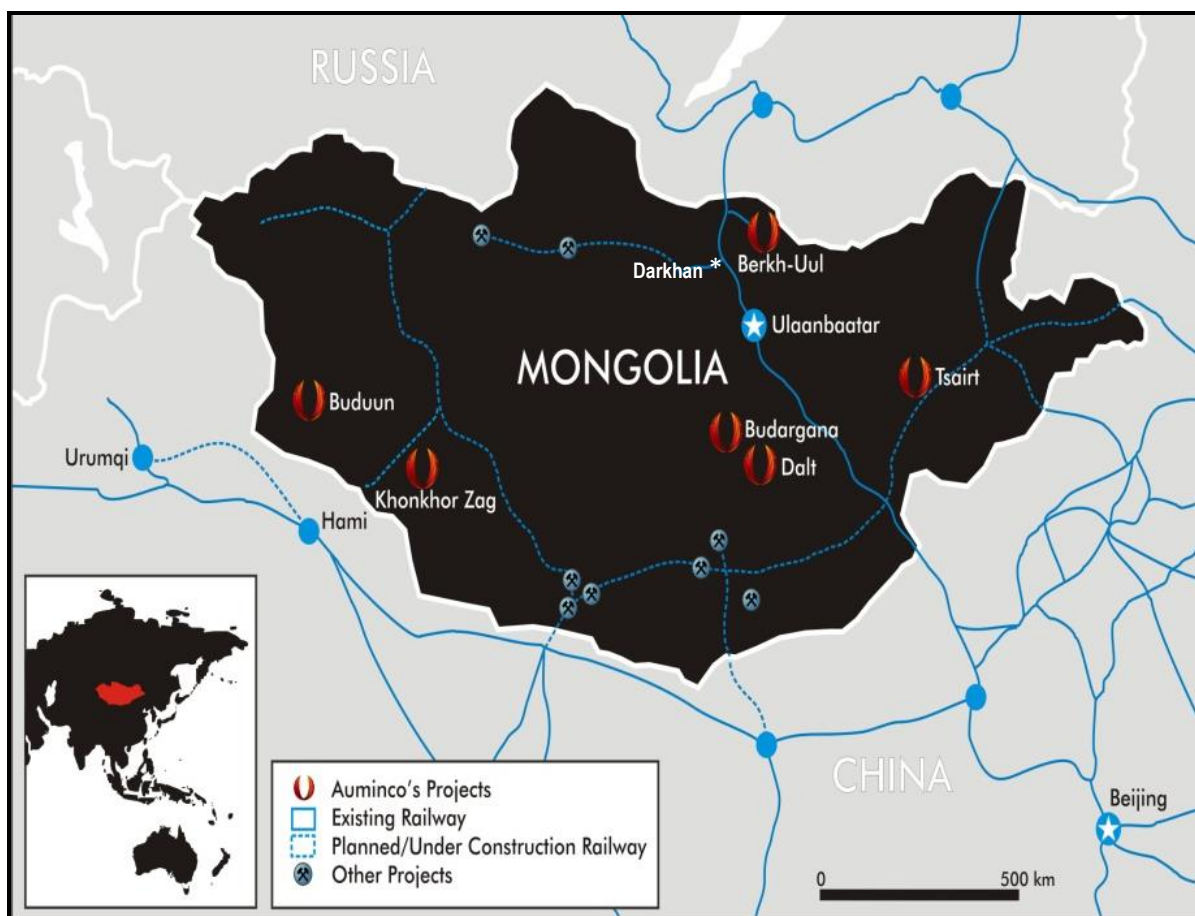


Figure 1: Location of the Berkh Uul coal project in Mongolia



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