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WestSide appoints Boart Longyear to operate drilling rig

WestSide Corporation (ASX Code: WCL) has appointed experienced international drilling company, Boart Longyear to operate, maintain and manage the new Schramm TXD 'Telemast' drilling rig currently being commissioned by WestSide in Brisbane.

WestSide is close to completing commissioning of the rig for use on forthcoming drilling operations in its Bowen Basin coal seam gas (CSG) tenements. The Schramm TXD 180 rig is one of the largest dedicated CSG rigs in Australia.

WestSide Corporation Chairman and Acting-CEO Angus Karoll said the Schramm rig would allow WestSide greater control over its programs and be a valuable resource as the Company moved into its next phase of exploration and appraisal.

"The rig will provide a significant competitive advantage by delivering a solution to the industry-wide issues of increasing costs and supply constraints," Mr Karoll said.

"We are pleased to have an operator of Boart Longyear's experience operating the rig."

Craig Kipp, CEO of Boart Longyear said that this contract with WestSide would extend Boart Longyear's presence in the CSG market.

"Working with WestSide is an exciting opportunity to leverage our expertise in the CSG market and to jointly deliver new solutions to the industry."

WestSide is currently seeking approval from joint venturer, QGC for an expanded drilling program in its Bowen Basin tenements and expects the rig to be ready to commence drilling this quarter.

The rig will be available for use by other industry participants at commercial rates when the rig is not in use on WestSide's projects.

About WestSide Corporation Ltd

WestSide Corporation Limited is listed on ASX (ASX code: WCL) and has interests in coal seam gas (CSG) projects in Queensland and Indonesia. WestSide has a 50% interest in ATP 688P and ATP 769P with QGC holding the other 50%.

WestSide is currently operating an appraisal program in ATP 769P (Paranui) and ATP 688P (Tilbrook, Mount Saint Martin and Bald Hill) sites in Queensland's Bowen Basin, and is also assessing the CSG potential of certain coal deposits in Indonesia through its relationship with PT Bumi Resources TBK, one of Indonesia's largest coal miners.

About Boart Longyear

Boart Longyear is a 120-year-old global organization registered in Adelaide, Australia, and headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, with offices and operations in Asia Pacific, North and South America, Europe and Africa. The company is the leading provider of drilling services and drilling products for the global mining



industry, and also has a substantial presence in drilling for other purposes, including water exploration, environmental, energy and oil sands exploration.

With 2008 sales of over US\$1.8 billion and approximately 7,000 employees worldwide, the company conducts contract drilling services in more than 35 countries and provides mining products to customers in over 100 countries.

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