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## WestSide appoints coal executive Julie Beeby as new CEO

Leading dedicated Coal Seam Gas (CSG) producer WestSide Corporation Ltd (ASX: WCL) has appointed a new Chief Executive Officer following the completion of its major Bowen Basin joint venture acquisition.

The WestSide Board today announced the appointment of Julie Beeby to the role of CEO. Dr Beeby is one of Queensland's most experienced coal executives and joins WestSide from Peabody Energy Australia where she was General Manager – Strategic Planning and Projects.

WestSide Chairman Angus Karoll, who has been acting CEO since September 2008, said the Board was extremely pleased to appoint Dr Beeby to the role.

"Julie Beeby's appointment follows an extensive search for a CEO with the skills to successfully lead WestSide into its next phase of operations following the recent completion of the Meridian SeamGas joint venture acquisition," Mr Karoll said.

"Dr Beeby is an excellent choice to lead our executive team. She has more than 20 years' experience in the resources sector, including senior coal and gas chemicals project management roles with Peabody Energy, Anglo and BHP."

Mr Karoll said Dr Beeby also had experience in managing and developing part of what is now WestSide's Meridian SeamGas field, having acted as Manager Seamgas from 1999 to 2002 at Moura Mine.

She also has extensive experience in strategic planning and mergers and acquisitions, including Peabody Energy's \$2 billion acquisition and integration of Excel Coal.

"Julie's strategic planning and growth-orientated experience is expected to be particularly beneficial given WestSide's growth aspirations", said Mr Karoll.

Julie Beeby is on the Board of Qld Electricity Transmission Corporation Ltd (Powerlink), was recently elected Chair of the ZeroGen Pty Ltd Board of Directors and was appointed a Queensland Resource Industry Ambassador in 2009. Dr Beeby has also previously held positions on the Boards of Australian Coal Association Low Emissions Technology Ltd, Australian Coal Research Ltd, Queensland Resources Council Ltd and CRC Mining (CMTE Development Ltd).

Dr Beeby said she was pleased to be joining WestSide.

"This is an exciting time for WestSide and I look forward to working with the Board and Executive Team on further expanding WestSide's operations following the recent transformation from an explorer to a coal seam gas producer and operator."

Dr Beeby is expected to take up the position from late August.

### About WestSide Corporation Ltd

WestSide Corporation Limited is an ASX-listed company (ASX code: WCL) with interests in coal seam gas (CSG) projects in Queensland and Indonesia.

WestSide operates the Meridian SeamGas CSG fields west of Gladstone in Queensland's Bowen Basin. The Meridian SeamGas fields produce approximately 4 Petajoules of gas per year. WestSide holds a 51% interest in the fields with Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd holding the remaining 49%.

Elsewhere in the Bowen Basin, WestSide is currently operating an exploration and appraisal program at the ATP 769P (Paranui) and ATP 688P (Tilbrook, Mount Saint Martin and Bald Hill) sites. WestSide holds a 50% interest in each area with QGC holding the other 50% in each case.

WestSide also has a position in the Galilee Basin (Queensland) with two new tenements (ATP 974 and 978) covering an area of over 14,000 sq kms. The Company expects to commence exploration activities in these tenements later this year, and is also assessing the

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CSG potential of certain coal deposits in Indonesia through its relationship with PT Bumi Resources TBK, one of Indonesia's largest coal miners.

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