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## **OKD signs Memorandum of Understanding on Paskov with the Czech State**

New World Resources Plc ('NWR' or the 'Company'), announces today that its wholly owned subsidiary, OKD a.s. ('OKD') has signed with the Czech State a Memorandum of Understanding ('the Memorandum') on the closure of its Paskov mine.

This Memorandum establishes a framework for co-operation. It sets out the role of each party, and explains how they work together towards a mutually beneficial solution by 31 March 2014 at the latest.

In this context the parties will explore the option of OKD extending the operation of the mine until 31 December 2016 for its own risk and account after which ownership of the mine will be transferred to the Czech State for a symbolic CZK 1,- for closure. This would be subject to certain conditions, such as approval of the European Commission and support of the mine's key stakeholders.

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### **Notes for editors**

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#### **About NWR:**

New World Resources Plc is one of Central Europe's leading hard coal producers. NWR produces quality coking and thermal coal for the steel and energy sectors in Central Europe through its subsidiary OKD, the largest hard coal mining company in the Czech Republic. NWR currently has several development projects in Poland and the Czech Republic, which form part of NWR's regional growth strategy.

In 2013 the Company announced a strategic outlook to reposition NWR into *Europe's leading miner and marketer of coking coal* by 2017.

NWR is listed in London, Prague and Warsaw. It is a constituent of FTSE Small Cap index.

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Factors, risks and uncertainties that could cause actual outcomes and results to be materially different from those projected include, but are not limited to, the following: risks relating to changes in political, economic and social conditions in the Czech Republic, Poland and the CEE region; future prices and demand for the Company’s products, and demand for the Company’s customers’ products; coal mine reserves; remaining life of the Company’s mines; coal production; trends in the coal industry and domestic and international coal market conditions; risks in coal mining operations; future expansion plans and capital expenditures; the Company’s relationship with, and conditions affecting, the Company’s customers; competition; railroad and other transportation performance and costs; availability of specialist and qualified workers; and weather conditions or catastrophic damage; risks relating to Czech or Polish law, regulations and taxation, including laws, regulations, decrees and decisions governing the coal mining industry, the environment and currency and exchange controls relating to Czech and Polish entities and their official interpretation by governmental and other regulatory bodies and by the courts; and risks relating to global economic conditions and the global economic environment. Additional risk factors are as described in the Company’s annual report.

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