First Regional Workshop in Beijing, China

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Background:

• Location: Beijing, PRC

• Date: December 2, 2005

• Hosted by China Coal Information Institute and China Coalbed Methane Clearinghouse

• Sponsored by Australian Greenhouse Office (AGO), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO, Japan) and State Administration of Coal Mine Safety (China)

• Held in connection with The Fifth International Symposium on Coalbed Methane/Coal Mine Methane in China

• Participants: 70 from developed and developing countries
Presentations:
Session 1: General introduction and Overview

Session 2: Potential CMM Project Opportunities in China
     Presentations by Australia, U.S. and Chinese representatives
     providing CMM case studies and experiences in China

Session 3: Addressing the Barriers to Conducting CMM PJs:
     Presentations on the Regulatory/Policy Environment and
     Project Financing and Management in China

Open Forum Discussion of CMM experiences and needs in
Argentina, India, Nigeria, Russia and Ukraine*
Results:
- Identified current PJ opportunities and barriers in China

- Shared information on available technologies

- Discussed broadly CMM/CBM opportunities and barriers in developing countries

- First opportunity for some developing countries to learn from experiences of others and to share information on their projects, plans and needs.*

(*) Travel support provided by NEDO/Japan for one representative from Argentina, India, Nigeria, Russia and Ukraine