

Press Release

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Banpu Appoints a Senior Vice President - Technical Development & Services

Banpu Public Company Limited appointed Mr. Neil Christopher Turvey as Senior Vice President - Technical Development and Services, whose mission is to introduce state-of-the-art technology and standard technical procedures to the Department to ensure that Banpu's planning activities in coal mines exploration and production will become far more efficient. Technical Development and Services Department, meanwhile, will provide not only exploration and production support to coal mines Banpu is operating, but also provide technical information support to potential projects currently under study by Banpu's Business Development unit.

Mr. Neil Christopher Turvey , an Australian at 47 years old, graduated a *Bachelor of Engineering, Mining (First Class Honours)* from University of New South Wales, Australia. He has also received NSW Coal Mine Manager's Certificate of Competency from Australia's New South Wales Government.

After graduating in 1979, Mr. Turvey started working at Coal Cliff Collieries Pty Ltd of Australia as planning engineer before joining several coal-mining companies in Australia. Between 1992-1998, Mr. Turvey worked with Rio Tinto Coal (NSW), an internationally renowned coal mining company, as Vickery Mine Manager and Mining System & Support Manager, respectively. His latest position before joining Banpu was Principal Mining Engineer with AMC Consultants Pty Ltd. With

more than 24 years of experiences in opencut and underground coal operation and development, Mr. Turvey is recognized as an expert in coal mining techniques especially those involving underground mines, as well as economic and finance applications for coal mining investment analysis.

Mr. Turvey will mainly oversee Banpu's production and exploration technology of its current coal mines and those being studied for potential investment. With his accumulated years of experiences and expertise in coal mining, Mr. Turvey will become a major force that will strengthen Banpu's management, help the firm produce coals efficiently and increase Banpu's opportunity to expand its coal operation base in the future.

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