



## GRANDE CACHE COAL CORPORATION

### NEWS RELEASE

#### GRANDE CACHE COAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Calgary, Alberta (GCE-TSX)**, January 13, 2009 – Grande Cache Coal Corporation (GCE-TSX) ("Grande Cache Coal") announced today that Donald R. Seaman has retired from the Board of Directors and that Nicholas G. Kirton has been appointed to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Kirton was a partner with KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants, from 1976 through to his retirement from the firm in 2004. Mr. Kirton holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Physics from Bishop's University, received his Chartered Accountant designation in 1969 and was made a Fellow of the Chartered Accountants in 1996. Mr. Kirton previously served as a member of the Board of Directors of both KPMG and the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants. In addition to Grande Cache Coal, Mr. Kirton currently serves on the Board of Directors of Gran Tierra Energy Inc. (NYSE Alternext and TSX), Canexus Income Fund (TSX) and Result Energy Inc. (TSX-V). He also serves on the Board of Governors of the University of Calgary and the Board of Directors of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund.

In connection with the changes to the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee of the Board has been reconstituted and is now comprised of Nicholas Kirton (Chair), Robert Brawn and Donald Douglas. The Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board has also been reconstituted and is now comprised of Donald Douglas (Chair), Robert Brawn and Nicholas Kirton.

Robert Stan, President and Chief Executive Officer, commented "Don Seaman was one of the original directors of Grande Cache Coal and we wish to thank him for his significant contribution to the success of the company. His counsel and guidance through the formative years of the company are greatly appreciated". Mr. Stan went on to say, "We are very pleased to have Nick Kirton join our Board. He brings a wealth of experience to our Board based on his career in public practice and his extensive board activities with other publically listed companies".

Grande Cache Coal is an Alberta based metallurgical coal mining company whose experienced team of coal professionals are managing a mine that produces metallurgical coal for the steel industry and holds coal leases covering over 22,000 hectares in the Smoky River Coalfield located in west-central Alberta. Grande Cache Coal's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "GCE".

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