

Aurizon Holdings Limited

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ASX Market Announcements ASX Limited 20 Bridge Street Sydney NSW 2000

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Aurizon appoints Chief Financial Officer

Please find attached an announcement for immediate release to the market.

Yours faithfully Aurizon

Dominic D Smith

SVP & Company Secretary



ASX Announcement



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Keith Neate appointed CFO

Aurizon is pleased to announce the appointment of Keith Neate as Chief Financial Officer.

Managing Director & CEO Lance Hockridge said Mr Neate had been selected after an extensive national and international recruitment process.

"Keith has outstanding credentials and brings a wealth of knowledge and global experience to this role," Mr Hockridge said.

"Keith has been instrumental in the delivery of a number of key initiatives at the Company including the recent negotiation of a suite of long-term customer contracts for our coal business.

"He is well-positioned to lead the Company's finance function in Aurizon's next phase of transformation and growth."

Mr Neate joined Aurizon in August 2011 to head the finance area for the coal business. He has been acting CFO since November 2012.

Before joining Aurizon, Mr Neate was the CFO at Virgin Blue for eight years and prior to that spent fifteen years at KPMG working in a variety of senior roles in Australia and the United Kingdom.

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Aurizon is Australia's largest rail freight company with services operating across five states. In 2011/12, Aurizon transported more than 250 million tonnes of freight, including coal, iron ore, other minerals, agricultural products and general freight. The company also operates and manages the 2,670 kilometre Central Queensland Coal Network that links mines to coal ports at Bowen, Mackay and Gladstone. Previously known as QR National, Aurizon has more than 147 years of rail freight industry experience.

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Keith Neate brings to the role of Chief Financial Officer at Aurizon more than two decades experience in leadership roles in Australia and internationally.

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Qualifications

Institute Chartered Accountants, England & Wales Huddersfield University, BA, Accountancy and Economics

Career Summary

| 2011 to Present | Aurizon Holdings Limited, Australia |
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| Nov. 2012 – present20122011 | Acting Chief Financial Officer Senior Vice President, Finance Partner, Commercial and Marketing, Operations, Strategy and Business Development Chief Financial Officer, Coal Business |
| 2003 to 2011 | Virgin Blue Holdings Limited, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia Chief Financial Officer |

| 1987 to 2002 | KPMG |
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| 1997 to 2002 | Director, Transaction Services/Assurance, London, United Kingdom |
| 1998 to 1999 | Acting Deputy Finance Director, BBC Production, London, United Kingdom |
| 1987 to 1998 | Various senior roles in the United Kingdom and Australia |