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COPPABELLA AND MOORVALE JOINT VENTURE ANNOUNCES LONG TERM RAIL CONTRACT WITH PACIFIC NATIONAL

About Macarthur Coal

Macarthur Coal Limited is the world's largest producer of seaborne low Volatile pulverized injection coal (LVPC) used for steel making. As a supplier to the world's leading steel producers, Macarthur Coal exports its entire product around the globe.

The Company currently operates two mines in Queensland's Bowen Basin and plans to double its production capacity in the next five years through the development of the Middlemount Mine project and an additional mine from its extensive project portfolio.

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The Coppabella and Moorvale Joint Venture (CMJV) has signed a long term take or pay contract with Pacific National Pty Ltd (Pacific National), a subsidiary of the Asciano Group (ASX:AIO), for the haulage of coal. The contract, with a commencement date of 1 November 2010, allows for haulage of a total of 7.0Mtpa of coal from the Coppabella and Moorvale mines to the Dalrymple Bay Coal terminal (DBCT).

Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX:MCC) owns 73.3% of the Coppabella and Moorvale mines through the CMJV.

Macarthur Coal Managing Director and CEO Nicole Hollows said, "Macarthur Coal has used Pacific National for supplementary capacity over the last six months and has been pleased with their commitment to delivery and flexibility. The signing of this additional contract provides Pacific National and the CMJV with the ability to replicate this performance across the Coppabella and Moorvale operations".