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About Macarthur Coal

Macarthur Coal is an Australian coal company developing a new generation of coal assets in Queensland's Bowen Basin. The company currently holds 73.3% of the Coppabella and Moornvale mines.

The company's operations produce approximately 35% of the seaborne global demand for low volatile PCI coal, which is a high-growth coal market.

The company is focussed on organic growth through developing new mines from grass roots level and identifying and pursuing high growth market segments.

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Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX: MCC) today announced that the recent heavy rain event in central Queensland has continued to impact production.

As previously reported on 21 January, the rain has disrupted mining activities at Coppabella and Moornvale mines. Force majeure has been declared due to the disruption to production and the company will continue to assess the full impact of delays to coal mining and processing.

Macarthur Coal has significant stocks of thermal coal at Moornvale Mine and sales of this coal may reduce the impact of the rain event on coal sales for the 2008 financial year.

CEO, Nicole Hollows, said that the Company will continue to work with our customers to manage shipments during the recovery of operations.