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## MACARTHUR COAL'S SHARE PURCHASE PLAN WELL SUPPORTED

### 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 Moorvale mines.

The company's operations produce approximately one third 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) has successfully raised \$62 million in new equity through its Share Purchase Plan (SPP). Macarthur Coal CEO and Managing Director, Nicole Hollows, said that the company was extremely pleased with the level of support shown for the SPP and thanked Macarthur Coal's shareholders for their ongoing commitment to the company.

'The new capital will allow Macarthur Coal to be strongly positioned to double its production capacity over the next five years,' she said.

A total of 10,352,860 ordinary shares will be issued under the SPP at \$6.00 per share, the same price as the institutional placement completed on 24 June 2009. New shares issued under the SPP will rank equally with existing shares and will be issued today, Friday 24 July 2009, with trading on the ASX expected to commence on Monday 27 July 2009. The SPP was not subject to any scaleback. Holding statements and refunds for applications that have not been accepted will be dispatched to participants on or around 28 July 2009.

If shareholders have any questions regarding the SPP, they should contact the share registry, Computershare, on 1300 552 270 within Australia or +61 3 9415 4000 outside Australia.