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## BUSINESS AS USUAL AT MACARTHUR COAL

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#### **About Macarthur Coal**

Macarthur Coal is an Australian resources 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 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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The board of Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX:MCC) has been advised that the Crime and Misconduct Commission has issued a notice for Mr Ken Talbot to appear before the Brisbane Magistrates Court in relation to loans made to a former Queensland Government Minister.

The Chairman of Macarthur Coal, Mr Keith De Lacy, said it is business as usual at Macarthur Coal.

"The matter is personal to Mr Talbot and will not affect Macarthur Coal's operations.

"The arrangements that were put in place when the issue first arose will continue and are working well.

"Nicole Hollows will continue as CEO. Mr Talbot will remain as a Director and retains the full support of the Board.

"It is business as usual for Macarthur Coal and we remain focused on the efficiency of our operations and development of the project pipeline."