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## COAL EXPORT THROUGH ABBOT POINT COAL TERMINAL TO RECOMMENCE

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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 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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Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX: MCC) advises that the Coppabella and Moorvale Joint Venture, in which Macarthur Coal holds a 73.3% interest, will recommence export of coal through the Abbot Point Coal Terminal from 1 July 2007.

The Joint Venture is seeking to export up to 560,000 tonnes of coal from the Coppabella and Moorvale mines through Abbot Point by the end of the current sales contract year ending 31 March 2008.

The Joint Venture has previously exported coal through Abbot Point terminal during 2005 and 2006 but in late 2006 the contract was put on hold while construction works were underway for the port expansion at Abbot Point. Those works are now sufficiently advanced to enable the Joint Venture to recommence exports.

Commenting on the arrangement, Macarthur Coal's Chief Executive Officer, Nicole Hollows, explained that resuming access to Abbot Point will supplement exports through the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (DBCT) where coal producers have received significant cut backs in export allocation for the balance of 2007.

"Macarthur Coal values its strong relationship with customers, Ports Corporation of Queensland and Queensland Rail and is seeking to maximise tonnage to customers during the ongoing period of port congestion at DBCT."