

Vale ups stake in Belvedere

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Vale has increased its stake in the Belvedere coal project in Australia.

The Brazilian miner said it had acquired an additional 24.5% share in the underground project, based in the Bowen Basin of Queensland, for US\$92 million from AMCI Investments Pty Ltd. Through the transaction, Vale has increased its stake in the project to 75.5% from 51%.

According to Vale's preliminary estimates, once Belvedere is fully developed the project has the potential to reach in the future a production capacity up to 7Mt/y of coking coal.

Vale added: "The price for this transaction was settled before the announcement by Australian government of the project to create the Resource Super Profits Tax (RSPT) to be imposed on mining companies."

Belvedere is part of a Vale coal portfolio which includes operating assets and explorations projects in Australia and Columbia, and minority interests in two joint ventures in China.