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## **Expansion Of Isaac Plains In Queensland Becomes Possible**

=Expanding raw coal production to 3.6 million MT/year from 2 million MT/year=

It has become possible to raise raw coal production at Isaac Plains coal mine in Queensland, Australia, to 3,600,000 MT per year. That is thanks to approval by the state of Queensland of environment assessment concerning the expansion of the coal mine.

Isaac Plains is opencut metallurgical coal mine located 180 km west of Mackay in Queensland in which interest is shared 50 percent each by Aquila Resources Ltd. and Vale of Brazil.

At Isaac Plains mine three types of coal composed of semi-hard coking coal, PCI coal and thermal coal are produced. Raw coal production scale at this stage amounts to 2 million MT per year, which means the mine can increase raw coal production by 1,600,000 MT per year by the expansion works.

From now Aquila and Vale intend to decide on whether to embark at an early stage on the expansion of Isaac Plains coal mine after looking into the trend in demand for metallurgical coal in the Asian Region and other markets.