

J. Holland wins \$260m coalmine deal

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LEIGHTON division John Holland has started the new year with a \$260 million mining contract.

The 30-month operations deal for the Isaac Plains coalmine in central Queensland is one of the first mining contracts for the contractor.

John Holland will provide full-service mining operations at the mine, which is a 50-50 joint venture between Vale and Aquila Resources. Under the contract, John Holland will also be responsible for rehabilitation works.

In the first 12 months of operations, the contractor is scheduled to move about 26 million cubic metres of waste and 3.6 million tonnes of coal.

John Holland started work on Isaac Plains under an interim agreement in October last year. The financial agreement runs from the beginning of this year until June 2012.