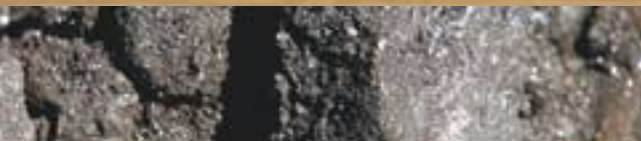




BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance

# About BMA



# BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) is Australia's largest exporter of seaborne metallurgical coal.

Our mines have a combined production capacity of more than 58 million tonnes per year, and almost all of the coal produced is used overseas for steel production.

BMA supplies high quality coking coals, weak coking coals, Pulverised Coal Injection (PCI) coals and thermal coals to domestic and international customers.

BMA was formed in 2001 as a partnership between BHP Billiton and Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd. The two companies share equal ownership and management of seven Bowen Basin coal mines – Blackwater, Broadmeadow, Goonyella Riverside, Peak Downs, Saraji, Norwich Park and Gregory Crinum – and the Hay Point coal export terminal near Mackay.

In addition, BMA manages two mines – Poitrel and South Walker Creek – on behalf of BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd, which is owned by BHP Billiton (80 per cent) and Mitsui (20 per cent).

BMA operations provide significant benefits to the local communities to the broader Central Queensland region and the economic development of Queensland.

BMA is one of the largest employers in the region with over 4,800 people directly employed (at April 2009). BMA also has a significant flow-on effect to other jobs in industries servicing the mines, ports and townships in the Central Queensland region.

BMA operations mine coal using a number of techniques. The two underground mines, Crinum and Broadmeadow use longwall mining, extracting the coal from the seam with large mechanical shearers.

The other BMA mines are open cut operations and use draglines and truck / shovel fleets to remove the overburden and expose the coal.

Coal seams are mined by front end loaders or hydraulic excavators. Coal from the underground and open cut operations is processed in coal handling and preparation plants before it is transported by rail to the ports.





**Blackwater Mine** is one of BMA's largest mines, with a production capacity of 14 million tonnes of coking and thermal coal a year. The mine is located south of the town of Blackwater.

**Broadmeadow Mine** is an underground operation that uses a punch longwall method to extract coal. It has the capacity to produce over three million tonnes of high-quality hard-coking coal a year and is located north of Moranbah.

**Goonyella Riverside Mine** is one of the largest open cut coal mines in Australia, with a capacity to produce 15 million tonnes of high-quality coking coal a year. It is located north of the Moranbah township.

**Gregory Crinum Mine**, north of Emerald, comprises the Gregory open cut operation and Crinum underground mine. The combined operations have a current production capacity of over five million tonnes of coking coal and thermal coal per annum, with the majority coming from Crinum Mine.

**Peak Downs Mine** is a large, open cut mining operation south of Moranbah and has a production capacity of nine million tonnes of high-quality hard-coking coal per annum.

**Norwich Park Mine** is located south east of Dysart and has an annual production capacity of over five million tonnes of low-volatile hard-coking coal and ultra-low volatile coal.

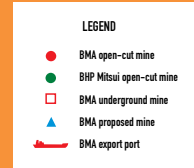
**Poitrel Mine** was opened in 2006 and has the capacity to produce up to three million tonnes per annum of coking and PCI coals. It is owned by BHP Mitsui Coal and is located south east of Moranbah.

**Saraji Mine** is an open cut mine with a production capacity of eight million tonnes of high-grade hard-coking coal a year. It is located north of the Dysart township.

**South Walker Creek Mine**, a BHP Mitsui Coal owned mine, is a contract mining operation with an annual production capacity of 3.5 million tonnes of PCI-quality coal.

**Hay Point Coal Terminal**, owned by BMA, is one of Australia's largest and most efficient coal export facilities. The terminal handles, blends and despatches up to 44 million tonnes of BMA coal per annum. The remainder of BMA's coal is exported through the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal and the Port of Gladstone.

BMA continues to build upon its strong position within the coal sector. We are investigating a number of growth options involving the expansion of existing operations and the development of new mines including the Goonyella Riverside Expansion and the Hay Point Coal Terminal Expansion along with the development of the Daunia and Caval Ridge Mines.



# BMA is dedicated to the principles of sustainable development, which includes the wellbeing of our people and communities and a fundamental respect for the environment.

BMA's overarching set of Charter Values encompasses all aspects of our organisation and defines the framework and principles behind the relationships we have with internal and external stakeholders.

The health and safety of our employees is the first priority of our company. We are committed to creating a workplace that is injury, illness and incident free, and seek to achieve the goal of Zero Harm by creating a mindset and an environment where people believe these objectives are possible.

BMA operations are centred on long term sustainability to provide a platform for growth. That means that while the company grows in economic importance, we simultaneously progress our sustainability performance in environmental management.

We pursue a range of programs to improve our performance towards this goal, and have set specific targets in areas such as land and water management. We also resolve to improve the energy efficiency of our new and existing operations and minimise the growth in our emissions.

BMA is committed to ensuring the communities that support our operations continue to share our business success. This goes beyond providing financial support; it is about working in partnership with the communities to create positive outcomes and long-term benefits.

We aim to improve the quality of life for our employees and their families by helping to upgrade town facilities and working with Government to improve regional living.

BMA's overriding commitment to Zero Harm is embedded in the BHP Billiton Sustainable Development Policy. This means we will not compromise our safety values, and we will identify, assess and manage risks to employees, contractors, the environment and our communities.



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