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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 one third 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 ANNOUNCES LONG TERM RAIL CONTRACT WITH PACIFIC NATIONAL

Macarthur Coal Limited (ASX: MCC) has signed a long term contract with Pacific National Pty Ltd, a subsidiary of Asciano Group (ASX:AIO), for the haulage of coal. The contract, with a commencement date of July 2009, allows for haulage of up to 3.7Mtpa of coal to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal (DBCT) from Macarthur's expansion projects.

Macarthur Coal Managing Director and CEO Nicole Hollows said "Macarthur Coal has chosen to utilise Pacific National for its expansion projects as the company's service offering provides flexibility for growth and expansion that meets Macarthur's long term project development needs".

Ms Hollows confirmed that QR National (QR) will continue to haul coal to DBCT from the Coppabella and Moorvale mines of which Macarthur owns 73.3%. "Macarthur has a long and valued relationship with QR and believes the use of two rail operators will be in the best interests of both current operations and future developments," Ms Hollows said.