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Secures new contract with Rio Tinto in Queensland

Asciano (ASX: AIO) announces today that its Pacific National Coal haulage business has entered into a new 10 year performance based take or pay contract with Rio Tinto Coal Australia (RTCA) for the annual movement of 8 million tonnes (mtpa) from its Hail Creek mine and 0.5mtpa from its Kestrel coal mine in central Queensland. These tonnes are additional to Asciano's existing haulage arrangements with RTCA.

The new performance based contract commences on 1 November 2013 and will require coal to be hauled to the Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal at the Port of Hay Point near Mackay, utilising the electric Goonyella rail system. The contract complements AIO's existing contract with RTCA for the haulage of coal from both Hail Creek on the Goonyella rail system and Kestrel on the Blackwater system which commenced on 1 January 2010.

Asciano Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, John Mullen said "We are extremely pleased to be able to expand our relationship with Rio Tinto Coal Australia in Queensland after the successful commencement of our initial contract in 2010. This contract is a testament to our Queensland teams' focus on customer service and delivery against performance based contracts despite the difficult operating environment over 2011. This contract increases AIO's annualised contracted coal tonnage in 2014 to 178m tonnes.

"This contract further supports our investment in a new maintenance facility at Nebo which is presently under construction and on track to be completed in July 2012. We continue to look at further opportunities to invest in facilities to support our customer service levels in Queensland as our contract base grows."

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