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Sales Leads

Queensland

BHP Ramp Down Ravensthorpe

Sales Lead 1561

BHP Billiton to commence ramp down and indefinite suspension of their Ravensthorpe nickel operation.

Minemakers & ATEC Sign MoU to Study Possible Rail Link

Sales Lead 1562

Minemakers and ATEC have signed an MoU covering a financial study of a 250km open access standard gauge rail link from the Wonarah phosphate project to Tennant Creek.

United Group Wins QR Contract

Sales Lead 1563

United Group has won a \$78m contract to supply Queensland Rail with 12 diesel electric automotives.

ConocoPhillips LNG JV to Go Ahead

Sales Lead 1564

ConocoPhillips have announced that the gas-to-liquefied natural gas JV with Origin Energy will not be affected by the company's planned cutbacks.

Hancock Seeks Funding for Projects

Sales Lead 1565

Hancock Prospecting is seeking Chinese partners for the proposed Queensland Alpha Coal project and the WA Roy Hill iron ore project.

Sedgman Wins Acland Contract

Sales Lead 1566

Sedgman have been awarded a \$A13.6m contract to design and construct an upgrade to a coal handling and processing plant at New Hope's New Acland open cut coal mine.

Ensham's Dragline Returns to Service

Sales Lead 1567

Following in the devastating floods of last year Ensham have officially announced the return to service of their 3000-tonne dragline.

Bounty Mining Loses Contract at Aquila

Sales Lead 1568

Capcoal have advised Bounty Mining that they will not be renewing the mining contract for Aquila Colliery.

QRC Positive Despite Downturn then BHP Billiton Retrench Workers

Sales Lead 1569

Despite current world economic problems Queensland Resource Council (QRC) remain positive and point out that growth in China and India has been slowed, not derailed. Following this statement BHP Billiton shed 1100 jobs causing QRC to rethink their earlier statement.

Maximus Resources Announce Plans for Sellheim Project

Sales Lead 1570

Maximus Resources have issued the outline for their 2009 plans for their Sellheim alluvial project, they intend to reduce their expenditure rate and concentrate on gold. The proceeds from gold production at Sellheim will be used to fund their Bird in Hand project.

Metallica Announce Resource Increase for Nornico

Sales Lead 1571

Metallica Minerals have announced a resource increase for the Nornico nickel / cobalt project.

PF-S Figures Released for Wandoan

Sales Lead 1572

Xstrata Coal have released the findings of their prefeasibility study of the Wandoan project.

Gladstone Pacific Nickel Get EIS Approved

Sales Lead 1573

Gladstone Pacific Nickel has received State Government approval of the Environmental Impact Statement for construction and operation of Stages 1 and 2 of the project.

Kruger Inferred Resource Announced

Sales Lead 1574

Cockatoo Coal has advanced exploration at their Kruger deposit, located in the Surat Basin, after receiving results of two inferred resource estimates.

Interim Report Received for Watershed Tungsten Deposit

Sales Lead 1575

Vital Metals have received an interim report following the completion of the first of three phases of work for their Watershed tungsten deposit.

Queensland Sandstone Does Well in China

Sales Lead 1576

A Queensland sandstone provider has signed a contract to supply 2500 tonnes of sandstone to a Chinese construction company.

Kaiser Bill Resource Upgrade

Sales Lead 1577

Copper Strike has released an upgrade in the resource at Kaiser Bill, which is part of their Einasleigh Project.

Xstrata Axes Handlebar Hill Development

Sales Lead 1578

Xstrata has called off the Handlebar Hill zinc development at Mt Isa.

United Group Secures Power Contracts

Sales Lead 1579

United Group Limited has secured several contracts in the power sector.

Cockatoo Secures Korean Investor

Sales Lead 1580

Cockatoo Coal has completed a deal with Korean East-West Power Company and Kores Australia which will inject \$A10m into the company.

Queensland Government Fast Tracks Projects

Sales Lead 1581

The Queensland Government has fast-tracked \$26.8m in key mining area projects in order to secure and create new jobs.

Record Revenues for Peabody Energy

Sales Lead 1582

Record revenue in 2008 has Peabody Energy in a strong position for 2009.

Kundana Plant Refurbished for Mount Morgan Mine

Sales Lead 1583

Norton Gold Fields approved the dismantling and refurbishment of the Kundana plant in support of the Mount Morgan mine project.

New South Wales

BG Shelves Power Station Building Plans

Sales Lead 1584

It is believed that BG has shelved plans to build a \$750m gas-fired power station in order to keep their coal seam gas for the Queensland Curtis LNG development.

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