

PUBLIC NOTICE

Environmental Protection Act 1994 – Sections 51 and 52 **Notice of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)** **Proposed Saraji East Mining Lease Project**

An EIS for the proposed Saraji East Mining Lease Project (the proposed Project) has been prepared by BM Alliance Coal Operations Pty Ltd (BMA) (ABN: 67 096 412 752) on behalf of the Central Queensland Coal Associates (CQCA) Joint Venture partners: BHP Coal Pty Ltd, QCT Mining Pty Ltd, Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd, QCT Investment Pty Ltd, BHP Queensland Coal Investments Pty Ltd, QCT Resources Pty Limited and Umal Consolidated Pty Ltd.

Located 30 km north of Dysart, the Project area covers 11,427 hectares (ha) of land incorporating mining tenures: exploration for coal (EPC) 837 and EPC 2103, mining lease application (MLA) 70459 and MLA 70383, and parts of the granted mining lease (ML) 1775, 1782 and 70142. The Project would involve the development of a greenfield single-seam underground coal mine adjacent to, and accessed through, the existing Saraji open-cut mine void in ML 1775. Long wall mining methods would produce metallurgical coal at planned production rates of 11 million tonnes per annum of run of mine coal. Mining activities and the surface infrastructure would have a footprint of 3,425 ha, including a coal handling and preparation plant, conveyor system, road and rail transportation, temporary construction camp, power lines, water pipelines and gas drainage. The expected life of the Project would be 22 years for construction and operations, followed by a nominal 10 years for decommissioning and rehabilitation.

Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Queensland)

Application was made by the proponent under section 125 of the *Environmental Protection Act* (EP Act) for an environmental authority for the Saraji East Mining Lease Project. Under section 73 of the EP Act it was determined that assessment of the Project would be by EIS.

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)

The Project was determined to be a controlled action (EPBC 2016/7791) under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act). The controlling provisions are sections 18 and 18A (listed threatened species and communities) and sections 24D and 24E (a water resource, in relation to a large coal mining development or coal seam gas development) of the EPBC Act.

The EIS process will assess potential impacts of the Project on the controlling provisions consistent with the bilateral agreement (section 45 of the EPBC Act) between the Australian and Queensland Governments for the purpose of the Australian Government's assessment under part 8 of the EPBC Act.

The EIS can be viewed online at <https://www.bhp.com/sustainability/environment/regulatory-information/>. Digital EIS copies can be downloaded from the Project website. Any enquiries about the EIS documents can be made by emailing metcoalinfo@bhpbilliton.com or by phoning BMA on 1800 078 797. Persons with special needs may also ask for assistance in accessing the material by phoning or emailing BMA using the above contact details.

Written submissions in relation to the EIS are invited from any person within the submission period. The submission period commences on 24 May 2021 and concludes on 2 July 2021.

Submissions should be addressed to:

The Chief Executive
Department of Environment and Science
Attention: The EIS Coordinator (Saraji East Mining Lease Project)
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4000
Or by email to eis@des.qld.gov.au.

A properly made submission is one that:

- is written
- is signed by or for each person ('signatory') who made the submission
- states the name and address of each signatory
- is made to the chief executive
- is received on or before the last day of the submission period.

For further information regarding the EIS process for this proposal, refer to the Queensland Government EIS website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/eis-process/projects/current-projects/saraji-east-mining-lease-project>, contact the EIS Coordinator Saraji East Mining Lease Project on 13 QGOV (13 74 58) or email eis@des.qld.gov.au.

Privacy Statement

Please note it is a statutory requirement that all submissions (including names and addresses) will be provided to the proponent under section 56 of the EP Act, so that they may consider them and provide a response to the department. This consultation is a public process, and any submission you provide may be published (including online) and may be transmitted outside of Australia. You may wish to bear this in mind when providing your submission. Your information will not be disclosed by the department to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.