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## **HEADLINER QCOAL GROUP**

## A home grown coal company

QCoal Group (QCoal) is a Queensland coal company that has made an absolute art form out of flying beneath the radar. How many mining companies can boast of being inducted into the Royal Flying Doctor's Hall of Fame? How many coal companies can boast a portfolio of mines based on their own exploration success? These are just some of the achievements that make QCoal unique.

QCoal is a privately owned Queensland business focused on coal exploration and mining. QCoal has been active in coal exploration and development throughout Queensland since 1989. As locals with extensive industry experience, QCoal has exceptional capability and knowledge of the Queensland area, which is demonstrated by discovery and development of numerous coal deposits.

In 2014 QCoal will celebrate its twenty-fifth year of successful exploration and operations in

Queensland. Perhaps the jewel in the QCoal crown is its exploration permit EPC 586 which has yielded production tenures for the Sonoma Mine, Cows Mine, Jax Mine and Drake coal project. QCoal believes that EPC 586 might just be the most productive coal exploration tenure in Queensland's history.

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QCoal's exploration is primarily focused on tenements in the northern Bowen Basin, although the company holds coal exploration tenements throughout Queensland.

The coal exploration game is a highly speculative one, but QCoal is testament to the fact that lightning can strike more than once. To find high quality coal deposits alongside existing infrastructure with available capacity is every geologist's dream. QCoal's faith in exploring the Queensland coal geology that it knows so well, has paid off in spades.

Currently, QCoal is producing around 4 million tonnes per year of hard coking and thermal coal products for export. Both the Jax Mine and Drake project are expected to commence operations in 2014. Additional production of up to 6 million tonnes a year is expected once Jax and Drake are fully operational, 2015 will see the company's portfolio broaden further with production from the Byerwen coal project forecast to commence and rapidly ramp up to 10 million tonnes a year. This organic growth is part of QCoal's vision of exporting 20 million tonnes of coal per annum by 2020. What makes this growth profile particularly noteworthy is that all of these tenures were initially explored and developed by QCoal.



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Testament to QCoal's long term focus is its establishment of the QCoal Foundation and the QCoal Community Dental Service it supports. Most people would be surprised to hear that the Royal Flying Doctor's services extends to dentists in a truck, but that's just what QCoal have enabled as an innovative service to regional communities across Queensland.

The QCoal Community Dental Service commenced operation in 2013 and has treated more than 2000 patients and visited 14 communities in its first year of service.

Known for their airborne services, QCoal has enabled the Royal Flying Doctors Service to diversify into providing dental support from an 18 wheel semi-trailer which houses two state-of-the-art dental surgeries and the only mobile orthopantomograph (OPG) in the southern hemisphere. The OPG allows the dental team to take full images of the patients' teeth and undertake more complex procedures to address acute dental conditions. The service is provided free of charge to patients. It literally is a one-stop dental shop.

**QCoal Managing Director Christopher** Wallin said:

'Collinsville and Scottville have had a serious dentist shortage for many years, which has left far too many people without access to dental care,' he said.

'QCoal is keen to support Queensland's rural and remote communities, including those we work in. I know from talking to our employees and their families that having regular, reliable access to dental care is a major concern for them'

QCoal is a Queensland company that has parlayed its geological expertise and hard work into an enviable record of coal production and the organic growth of its tenements. Best of all, QCoal continues to invest the proceeds of its success back into the community. We could call QCoal Queensland's quiet achiever, they're certainly a company to watch.

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The wash plant at Sonoma Mine