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Press Release

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd.
The Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc.
Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation

Completion of Boggabri Coal Mine Expansion Project

Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd. (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; Representative Director & CEO: Takashi Tsukioka), The Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc. (Head Office: Hiroshima city, Hiroshima; President and Director: Tomohide Karita) and Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation (Head Office: Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo; President: Kosei Shindo) are pleased to announce that Boggabri Coal Mine which is owned by our respective Australian subsidiaries has completed its Expansion Project and held the Completion Ceremony today. We will improve quality of the coal produced and increase production of Metallurgical coal.

Located in New South Wales, Australia, Boggabri Coal Mine has been producing high quality thermal coal with high calorific value, low sulphur and low ash since its commencement of production in 2006 and production in 2014 was 5.58 million tonnes. It started the Expansion Project in 2012 which includes construction of a new coal handling and preparation plant, new train load-out and new product stockpile areas and, following the completion of the Expansion Project, we held the Completion Ceremony today. By utilizing these new facilities, we will improve quality of the coal produced and increase production of Metallurgical coal. We intend to produce 7 million tonnes of coal annually (around 20% increase compared to the actual production in 2014) from the mine for more than 20 years from now on.

Due to its stability of supply and economic efficiency, coal will continue to be an important energy resource and have a major role in energy mix in long-term energy supply-demand outlook. By supplying good environmental feature coals produced from the mine to electricity power and steel industries in a long term and stable manner, we will contribute to sustainable growth in the industries including steel industries in Asia and also energy security in Japan.



Coal Handling and Preparation Plant



Train Load-out

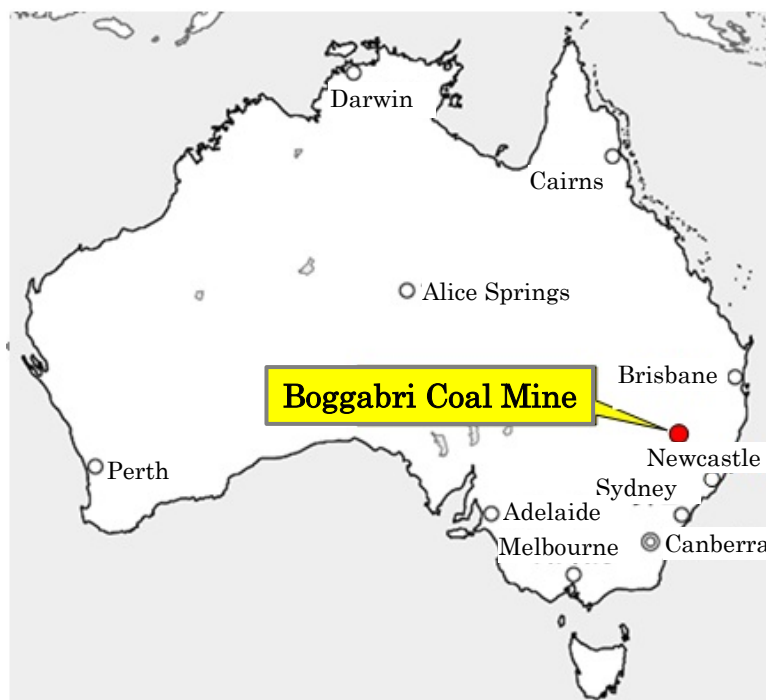


Product Stockpile Areas

Outline of Boggabri Coal Mine

- (1) Location: New South Wales, Australia
- (2) Operating Company: Boggabri Coal Operations Pty Ltd.
- (3) Start of Production: 2006
- (4) Mine area: approx.3,872ha
- (5) Mining method: “truck and shovel” open-cut mining method
- (6) Grade of coal: Bituminous coal (Thermal coal and Metallurgical coal)
- (7) Production: ca. 5.6 million tonnes (calendar year 2014 actual)
- (8) Coal attributes: High calorie, low sulphur, and low ash, having the characteristics as metallurgical coal
- (9) Percentage of interest:

Boggabri Coal Pty Ltd. (Affiliate of Idemitsu Kosan Co.,Ltd.)	80%
Chugoku Electric Power Australia Resources Pty. Ltd. (Affiliate of The Chugoku Electric Power Co., Inc.)	10%
NS Boggabri Pty Limited (Affiliate of Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corporation)	10%
- (10) Location map:



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