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Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.

J-POWER Australia to Develop One of the Largest Steaming Coal Mines in Australia

- Company has agreed to develop Clermont Coal Mine in Queensland-

J-POWER Australia Pty., Ltd., an Australian subsidiary of J-POWER (Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.; President, Yoshihiko Nakagaki), has come to an agreement with Queensland Coal Pty., Ltd. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Rio Tinto Pty., Ltd., one of the world's leading mining and exploration companies) and Mitsubishi Development Pty., Ltd. (an Australian subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation) on the development of Clermont Coal Mine in Queensland, Australia.

J-POWER Australia acquired 15 percent interests of Clermont Coal Mine from Queensland Coal and Mitsubishi Development in 2003. According to the feasible studies, Clermont Joint Venture, which was run by the three shareholders, has concluded that production costs of the mine would be highly competitive. Thus Clermont Joint Venture determined to proceed on to development of the mine.

Clermont Coal Mine is one of the largest open cut coal mines in Australia, which is planned to produce up to 12.0 million tons of steaming coal annually. It is also scheduled to begin commercial production in 2010, just as mine-out of Blair Athol Coal Mine located next to Clermont Coal Mine. By synchronizing the startup and shutdown of these two mines, the Clermont mine will be able to take over the mining infrastructure now used at Blair Athol. Thanks to this advantage, Clermont Coal Mine can achieve high competitiveness in its production.

Clermont Coal Mine is the third project in Coal Mine business conducted by J-POWER Group. Years earlier, the Group participated in the development of Blair Athol Coal Mine project, the forerunner of a steaming coal mine developed with Japanese capital. J-POWER Group now operates seven coal-fired thermal power stations across Japan and is the largest user of fuel coal in the country.

(Attachment)

- General Information of Clermont Coal Mine Project
- Location of Clermont Coal Mine Project

General Information of Clermont Coal Mine Project

Location	Northern Bowen Basin, QLD Australia (15km South East from Blair Athol mine) 280km by rail to Dalymple Bay Coal Terminal	
Resources	Structure	South – North : 5km, East – West : 1.5km Depth : 80 ~ 250m
	Major seam / Aggregate Coal Thickness	Wolfgang seam / 40m
	Proven Reserves	219MT
	Marketable Reserves	Saleable coal : 189MT
Mining	Av. Strip Ratio	3.8 : 1
	Mining Method	Open pit
Infrastructure	Transport to Rail	Belt conveyer
	Loading facilities at Rail	Located on Blair Athol Loop
Development Schedule	Final F/S	~ 2006
	Development Approval	28 / Dec / 2006
	Commencement of Operation	2010(Production Capacity : +12MTpa, Mine Life : 17yre)
Major Customers	World seaborne market including Japan	
Joint Venture structure	J-POWER Group (J-POWER Australia Pty Ltd) : 15.0% Rio Tinto Group (Queensland Coal) : 50.1% Mitsubishi Corporation (Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd) : 34.9%	

(Figures in the table above include perspective at present)

Mitsubishi Corporation will transfer 3.5% of its stake in the Joint Venture to JCD Australia Pty Ltd , a subsidiary of Japan Coal Development Co.,Ltd.

Joint Venture structure, following JCD Australia Pty Ltd's participation, is as follows.

J-POWER Group (J-POWER Australia Pty Ltd)	: 15.0%
Rio Tinto Group (Queensland Coal)	: 50.1%
Mitsubishi Corporation (Mitsubishi Development Pty Ltd)	: 31.4%
JCD Group(JCD Australia Pty Ltd)	: 3.5%

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