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Xstrata Coal welcomes community feedback on Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal Draft Terms of Reference

Brisbane – 24 February 2011, Xstrata Coal and the Queensland Coordinator-General have invited members of the public to comment on a draft terms of reference for an environmental impact statement (EIS) for Xstrata Coal's Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal project.

Xstrata Coal is currently conducting a pre-feasibility study into the potential development of the proposed 35 million-tonne-per-annum capacity terminal south of Rockhampton in Queensland.

Project Executive General Manager Stephen Bridger said the Terms of Reference provided stakeholders with an outline of the types of technical studies required to examine any potential environmental, social or economic impacts of the proposed coal export terminal.

"Xstrata Coal is committed to ensuring all stakeholders have the opportunity to be involved in the consultation and assessment process for the Balaclava Coal Export Terminal project," he said.

"The lodging of the Terms of Reference is an important next step in the development of the proposed Balaclava Coal Export Terminal and we welcome stakeholder feedback.

"Xstrata Coal's environmental and social assessment studies will evaluate any potential impacts and subsequent mitigation and management measures required for the proposed coal export terminal. The outcomes of these studies will be documented in the environmental impact statement."

The Queensland Coordinator-General declared the Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal project a 'significant project' in May 2010.

Copies of the Draft Terms of Reference will be available online at www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects and in the region at the Bajool Community Post Office, Mount Larcom Community Post Office, Gladstone Regional Council Library and Rockhampton Regional Council libraries (Southside, Northside and Yeppoon). Submissions close on 11 April, 2011.

For more information on the proposed Balaclava Island Coal Export Terminal please visit:
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