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## THIESS AWARDED SOUTH WALKER CREEK COAL MINE CONTRACT EXTENSION

Thiess will continue coal mining operations at the South Walker Creek Mine in Queensland, following a three year \$229m contract extension by the mine's owner BHP Mitsui Coal Pty Ltd (BMC) it was announced today.

South Walker Creek Mine is located approximately 40km west of Nebo, in the state's coal rich Bowen Basin. The mine produces both PCI and thermal product coal for export.

Thiess constructed and began operating the South Walker Creek Mine in 1996. The contract for the removal of overburden, coal processing, and train loading was extended in 2000 with subsequent extensions in June 2003 and in July 2007. The new contract focuses on overburden and coal mining.

Thiess Managing Director David Saxelby today welcomed the ongoing commercial relationship with BMC.

"The award of the new contract is testament to the relationship developed with BHP Mitsui Coal over the last 14 years and to the efforts of our respective teams," Mr Saxelby said.

Thiess employs nearly 300 technical, operational, maintenance and management team members at South Walker Creek Mine. Thiess Mining Chief Executive Bruce Munro said he looks forward to continuing to work with BHP Mitsui Coal and to further improvements in safety performance as a key priority.

"On a number of occasions during the current term the site has achieved more than 100 days recordable injury free while delivering the required production outputs," Mr Munro said.

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Thiess has an annual turnover of \$6 billion and over \$16.1 billion dollars of work in hand. With over 16,000 employees, it has become one of Australia's leading and most trusted. Thiess is a wholly owned subsidiary of Leighton Holdings Pty Ltd.

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