

ANGLO AMERICAN METALLURGICAL COAL



FACT SHEET: MINES & PROJECTS

DRAYTON MINE

Description: Drayton is an open cut mine which commenced operation in 1983 and currently produces around 5 Mt of thermal coal each year for export and domestic markets. The mine uses one dragline, excavators and a significant truck fleet and has approximately 300 employees.

Location: Drayton is situated between the towns of Muswellbrook (13 kilometres to the north, population 15,000) and Singleton (34 kilometres to the south, population 22,000) in the Upper Hunter Valley in New South Wales. Drayton is 100 kilometres from the major port city of Newcastle (population 260,000) and 200 kilometres from Sydney.

Coal Production and Resources: Drayton and the contiguous Drayton South deposit are situated in the Hunter Valley coalfields. Drayton reserves are estimated at 35 Mt.

Ownership and Operation: Drayton is owned by Anglo American Metallurgical Coal (AAMC) (88%) and joint venturers NCE Australia, Mitsui Coal Holdings, Daesung Australia and Hyundai Australia. The mine is operated and managed by AAMC.

Regional profile: The Hunter Valley area is recognised as the site of one of the most significant coal deposits in Australia. However, it also supports a strong and growing wine and associated tourist industry and is a centre for thoroughbred horse breeding. In recent years the growing diversity of the area and its attractive country lifestyle has been a magnet for both tourists and potential new residents.

Environmental Issues: Drayton, which achieved ISO 14001 certification during 2003, has for some years maintained a strong rehabilitation program allied with environment awareness training for employees. Additional intensive training is also provided to employees engaged in areas of high environmental impact, including blasting and waste management.

Community Relations: For more than 20 years, Drayton has maintained a sound relationship with the local community. Regular meetings of the Community Consultative Committee, Mine Open Days, mining expos and forums are among the many initiatives undertaken to foster better understanding and cooperation among all stakeholders. Drayton also provides donations, sponsorship and in-kind support to local community organisations that provide a wide range of services to the community.

Cultural Heritage: A significant amount of indigenous cultural heritage fieldwork has been undertaken by Drayton. Development of study programs and research around new mining areas has been undertaken. Consultation with a number of local indigenous groups is ongoing and will continue for the life of the mine.

Extension Approval: Drayton obtained a mine extension approval in February 2008. This approval extends the mines life to 2017 and allows flexibility by increasing approved tonnage to 8 Mtpa. This approval requires the development of various management plans and commissioning of new infrastructure.

