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Dear **Elected Representative**

Growing BMA – Community engagement

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BMA is currently conducting prefeasibility studies for the proposed Daunia and Caval Ridge Mines. The proposed Daunia Mine would be located to the east of the existing Poitrel operations and the proposed Caval Ridge Mine would be to the north of the Peak Downs operations. Combined, the projects would provide an estimated 1550 jobs during construction and 540 jobs during operation. Other developments planned for the area include expansions at the existing Peak Downs Mine and Goonyella Riverside Mine.

To ensure the impacts associated with these developments are considered and managed proactively, BMA will also complete Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) for the Daunia and Caval Ridge Projects. As part of the EIS processes and our general approach to growth we are committed to a consultative approach with local communities and we would like to work with you to identify and address potential issues.

BMA is proud to be part of the Bowen Basin and the local Moranbah community. As such we are aiming to successfully communicate our intentions and proactively manage community and stakeholder issues. Our dialogue with the community will start through the distribution of newsletters and a mobile display travelling through Moranbah and other regional centres. Newsletters detailing BMA's growth and community engagement opportunities will be distributed to residents in Moranbah and confirmed times for the mobile display will also be advertised in local media.

Please find attached the first community newsletter.

We look forward to discussing the BMA growth with you further. If you would like to arrange a meeting please contact Ross Willims, Vice President Commercial Relations on 07 3226 0667.

Yours sincerely

John Smith



14 August 2008

Cr Col Meng
Mayor
Mackay Regional Council
PO Box 41
Mackay QLD 4740

Dear Cr Meng

Growing BMA – Draft terms of reference for the Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project

The Department of Infrastructure and Planning has released the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Bowen Basin Coal Growth Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This Project relates to the proposed expansion and development of BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance's (BMA) coal mining operations in the northern section of the Bowen Basin.

The release follows declaration of the Project in July this year as a 'significant project', which means, among other things, that an EIS is required for each of its components.

The Project will include the production of an additional 20 million tonnes per annum of coal products through the development of the proposed Daunia Mine and Caval Ridge Mine and the expansion of the Goonyella Riverside Mine. BMA is also considering a new, larger capacity airport to replace the existing Moranbah facility.

We would value any comments you can provide on the draft TOR. A copy of the document can be found at <http://www.dip.qld.gov.au/projects/energy/coal.html> or www.bmacoal.com/growth_projects/GrowthProjects.asp. Please note that submissions close by 5pm on Friday 5 September 2008.

As part of the EIS process, and our general approach to growth, BMA is continuing its stakeholder and community engagement processes. BMA has successfully engaged with regional communities by communicating project details and responding to key issues and concerns through study processes and planning.

Our first phase of community engagement is now complete, with over 760 stakeholders and community members consulted between May and July this year. Please find attached our second community newsletter which details our activities and the key issues raised by the community and our initial responses. Our environmental monitoring fact sheet is also included.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the draft TOR, EIS or our community engagement process. We look forward to discussing the BMA growth with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Willims
Vice President Commercial Relations



1 December 2008

Dear <Elected Representative>

Growing BMA – release of the Daunia Mine draft Environmental Impact Statement

As you may be aware, BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) has identified a number of quality coal resource opportunities to support the expansion of its coal mining operations in the northern section of the Bowen Basin.

Daunia Mine is one proposed project to support this growth, and earlier this year was declared a significant project under the auspices of the Coordinator-General, for which an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

On Saturday 29 November, 2008 the Department of Infrastructure and Planning released the Daunia Mine draft EIS for public comment. BMA values your feedback on the Daunia Mine project. A copy of the draft EIS can be found at www.dip.qld.gov.au or www.bmacoal.com/growth_projects/GrowthProjects.asp or on the enclosed USB. Please note that the submission period for the Daunia Mine draft EIS closes at 5pm February 2, 2009.

The proposed Daunia Mine will produce four million tonnes per annum of semi-hard coking and PCI coal, with the first coal expected in 2010. The Mine will employ some 450 people during construction and an operational workforce of approximately 300.

As part of the EIS process, and our general approach to growth, BMA is continuing its stakeholder and community engagement processes. In the coming weeks our community engagement team will continue to host information displays across Mackay and Moranbah. In addition, BMA will also host an EIS submission writing support session to assist community feedback on the Daunia Mine draft EIS. Please find enclosed our third community newsletter, which details these key dates and venues*.

Recognising that the Daunia Mine draft EIS is a detailed and technical document, BMA has also produced a summary overview document to help individuals better understand the project and to encourage feedback. Please find the overview document enclosed.

Please don't hesitate to contact BMA at enquiries@bmacoal.com or on 1800 078 797 if you have any questions about the Daunia Mine draft EIS or our community engagement process. We look forward to discussing BMA's growth with you further.

Yours sincerely,

Marcelo Bastos

CEO BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance

** Please note, submission support workshop postponed until January. Additional community consultation dates to be advertised in January.*





8 May 2008

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We look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss these projects further. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact me with any queries.

Yours sincerely,

Ross Willims
Vice President Commercial Relations