

FAST FACTS

Bulga Coal

The Bulga Coal complex is located 15 kilometres southwest of Singleton, near the village of Broke, in New South Wales.

Operation

Bulga Coal is a truck and shovel/excavator operation targeting the Whittingham Coal Measures. It produces high-grade coking and thermal coal.

In operation for over 40 years, Bulga Open Cut began mining in 1982, followed by underground mining in 1992.

Bulga Underground was a longwall mining operation with a proud history as one of Australia's highest producing underground mines. All three underground operations, South Bulga, Beltana and Blakefield South, had ceased operation by 2018.

Bulga Open Cut continues to have a strong focus on fostering relationships with its neighbours and co-existence with surrounding land uses.



Map is indicative only.

Our performance in 2023:



38 hectares
of rehabilitated land



6.7 million
tonnes of saleable coal



720 people
employed across the site



\$475 million
invested in goods
and supplies

Ownership

The Bulga Coal complex is managed by Bulga Coal Management (BCM) on behalf of the Bulga Joint Venture, which comprises Saxonvale Coal Pty Ltd (87.5%) and Nippon Steel Australia Pty Ltd (12.5%). Saxonvale Coal Pty Limited is 100% owned by Oakbridge Pty Limited.

The ownership of Oakbridge is: 98.2% Enx Oakbridge Pty Limited (ultimately 100% owned by Glencore), and 1.8% JFE Shoji Trade Corporation.



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Operational timeline:

1982

BHP granted approval to mine coal at what was then known as the Saxonvale Mine located east of Broke Rd.

1989

Oakbridge (majority owned by Glencore) purchased the Saxonvale Mine and the lease to the north forming the entity now known as Bulga Coal.

1997

Bulga Coal gained approval to also mine east of Broke Rd at rate of 5.2 Mtpa.

1999

Underground mining commenced within the Bulga Complex at South Bulga.

2004

Approval was granted to underground mine up to four seams out until 2031. The Beltana Underground commenced in the Whybrow seam in 2003 and finished in 2011.

2010

Underground Mining commenced in the Blakefield Seam in 2010.

2014

The Bulga Optimisation Project was approved, with no change to the mining rate (12.2Mtpa), out until 2035.

2015

In 2015 it was announced that underground mining of Blakefield North would be put on hold.

2018

Mining the Blakefield South mine was completed and underground workings were sealed.

2020

Approval of the Bulga Extension Project was granted, taking mining through to 2039.

Environmental management

Bulga Coal has a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) in place. The EMS provides a framework for dealing with environmental management issues across all areas of the mine, in a systematic way. The EMS covers the design, development, production, maintenance and rehabilitation of the operation and its infrastructure.

To properly manage operational impacts and reduce noise, Bulga implements a variety of comprehensive monitoring systems and procedures. These include: noise and air quality monitoring (both on site and in neighbouring villages); compulsory dust and noise management education for employees; and a dedicated noise and dust control centre which is manned 24/7 and allows employees to respond to real-time monitoring data. In addition, a noise and visual bund was constructed between the community and Bulga Coal. The landscaped bund aims to reduce the noise and any visual impacts on the community.

Bulga is also enhancing the existing vegetation and restoring native endangered ecological communities at dedicated offset areas, which total approximately 2,050ha.

Rehabilitation

Bulga Coal progressively rehabilitates land previously disturbed for mining purposes. As of December 2023, over 1,000ha of mined land has been rehabilitated.

Throughout the life of the mine, Bulga Coal will rehabilitate a variety of endangered ecological communities. This includes 2,200 ha of Central Hunter Grey Box – Ironbark Woodland; 250 ha of Central Hunter Ironbark – Spotted Gum – Grey Box Forest; and 50 ha of Central Hunter Swamp Oak Forest.

Community investment

Bulga Coal is passionate about contributing to the local community in which they operate.

By proudly supporting local projects and events and investing in partnership programs, Bulga Coal is actively involved in supporting local schools, community groups and organisations. Bulga Coal also hosts a regular community barbeque, which provides an opportunity for the community to discuss mine operations and maintain strong relationships between the mine and its neighbours.

Each year, Bulga Coal invests approximately \$70,000 in community partnerships and projects through Smarty Grants funding.