

MEDIA RELEASE

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CARMICHAEL PROJECT DIRECT JOB NUMBERS SURPASS 2,000

More than 2,000 people are now working at Bravus Mining and Resources' Carmichael Project in Central Queensland where construction activity is now at peak level.

Bravus CEO David Boshoff said he was delighted to report the project was able to deliver more jobs than previously expected.

"We have always said that the Carmichael Project would be a major generator of jobs and now we are at peak construction levels employing more than 2,000 people onsite," he said.

"The Stop Adani movement said our project would never go ahead and would never create a single job. We have again proved our opponents wrong.

"Our project and the Queensland coal industry is powering the State economy, we are putting money in the pockets of workers and businesses in north and central Queensland.

"That helps families and communities. It keeps shops open and gives people hope for the future so they can plan ahead, whether that means buying a house, taking a holiday or expanding their business. It is wonderful for all our team to be a part of that and to see the benefits investment in mining and infrastructure can bring. We are very proud to be making a difference."

"I am pleased to say that we have more than delivered on our promises. In addition, the Bravus Mining and Resources Carmichael Project is supporting a further 9,000 indirect jobs* in the community."

Mr Boshoff said the project's accommodation camps were full with workers from all corners of the state.

"We have now awarded more than \$1.5 billion in contracts, and 90 per cent of those are being delivered by Queensland-based contractors, from Rockhampton and Townsville, to Mackay, Clermont, Collinsville, Gladstone and Toowoomba. We have done our best to ensure Queensland businesses are reaping the economic rewards of the Carmichael Project."

The rail camp operations are based in Collinsville; earthworks and civil works contractors are from Townsville and Rockhampton; fuel supply from Townsville; telecommunications from

Mackay; rail track laying and rail camp construction from Rockhampton, and quarry contracts going to Toowoomba.

The jobs announcement coincided with a project milestone for Bravus as the first controlled blast occurring onsite this week.

“The team has done an incredible job of moving more than 2.5 million cubic metres of soil that sits on top of the coal seams, using excavators. They have dug down more than 12 metres. Now we have reached rock we have begun to use controlled blasts to break it up so the excavators and trucks can move it. This means coal production is one step closer to being a reality,” he said.

Mr Boshoff said the Bravus team used strict safety and environmental controls and regulations to ensure blasts were safe and met all relevant regulations.

“We always have very strict safety and environmental measures in place at our mine site, and when doing controlled blasts we use best-practice measures to ensure dust, vibration and noise are kept in hand so that our neighbours and local flora and fauna are not disrupted,” he said.

Mr Boshoff said mine construction would continue to progress quickly, as would construction of the railway.

“There’s still plenty of construction work to be done. We have now commenced work on the coal handling and processing plant, and in the coming weeks we will be able to show our exciting progress on rail project as well, with track laying to commence shortly.

“We are so proud that we have been able to deliver more than 2,000 jobs for Queenslanders during construction on the Carmichael Project. The permanent roles will also come with the operation of the mine and rail, bringing prosperity to the people and economies of regional Queensland for decades to come.”

“We are looking forward to producing our first coal in 2021,” he said.

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Editor’s Notes

**Economic modelling, such as that used by the Queensland Resources Council in its annual resources industry economic impact [report](#), shows that each direct job in the industry in Queensland supports another four and a half jobs in related industries and businesses, therefore we can expect that more than 9,000 indirect jobs have been created as a result of construction on the Carmichael Project.*