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Bis awarded contract extension at Whitehaven Coal's Gunnedah Operations

Leading mining services company Bis has been awarded a contract extension to provide haulage services for Whitehaven Coal's Tarrawonga and Rocglen coal mines in New South Wales.

The three-year extension will see Bis deliver an innovative haulage solution through a new fleet of enhanced prime movers to support the Gunnedah operations. The bespoke haulage solution provides greater payload capacity while reducing the number of prime movers, delivering cost efficiencies and benefits to Whitehaven Coal.

The new combinations provide benefits to the local community, including a reduction in one way trips by 36%, or approximately 48 000 fewer trips per annum when compared to the current fleet. This will reduce vehicle emissions, and contribute to improved local road safety and amenity.

Bis has provided a range of haulage solutions, underground equipment hire and site services to support Whitehaven's operations for the past five years. Bis is also an active and committed member of the local community, providing support to many organisations in the region. This includes a partnership with the Girls Academy in Gunnedah, who provide in-school programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander girls.

Commenting on Bis' contract extension award, Whitehaven Coal's Chief Operating Officer Jaimie Frankcombe said today's announcement is good for Bis, good for Whitehaven and good for the local community.

"This is a great example of two genuinely committed, locally-based companies, continuing a strong commercial partnership that entails real and ongoing benefits for the local area.

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“While this obviously represents a more efficient and sustainable haulage solution which will mean fewer trucks on local roads, we have also been very appreciative of the strong support Bis has shown for important local initiatives such as the Girls’ Academy”, Mr Frankcombe said.

Bis’ Chief Operating Officer Michael Porter said “I am delighted to announce the continuation of our strong relationship with Whitehaven. We are proud to have been part of the Gunnedah operations since February 2014, working in collaboration with the Whitehaven team to deliver value through innovative solutions.”

“Bis continues to create smarter solutions that drive efficiencies for our customers, as well as benefit the local communities. We look forward to continuing to deliver at Gunnedah and strengthening our successful partnership with Whitehaven Coal.”

Bis was also recently awarded a contract extension to provide load and haul services for Glencore Australia at the Newlands Coal Mine, in Queensland’s Bowen Basin.

Last month Bis launched an innovative haulage vehicle named REXX, which can travel four times further than traditional dump trucks. REXX will deliver significant cost efficiencies to miners through Bis’ service delivery model.

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Bis is a mining services company that has been delivering every day for its resources customers since 1915.

Bis first started moving resources in 1915, as Brambles Industrial Services, and there has been no stopping us since. Today we haul, transport, process and handle millions of tonnes of raw materials and commodities for our customers every year.

As a leading provider of resources logistics Bis takes care of all of their customers’ bulk logistics and materials handling processes. Once their resources are extracted, Bis people, equipment and ingenuity see them moved efficiently and safely the length of the supply chain to their final destination.

Bis has a culture of being inventive. We help our customers to identify bottlenecks in their supply chain systems and then we design innovative solutions and new technologies to help them deliver larger volumes faster, and more safely, than ever before.

That’s how we help our customers to Deliver Every Day.

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