

# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

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# **Drilling commences at Hillalong Coking Coal Project**

Bowen Coking Coal Ltd (ASX: BCB) plans to drill up to 11 exploration holes at its Hillalong Coking Coal Project to target the definition of a maiden resource in the southern area, potentially extend resources for Hillalong North (see table 1) and test for the existence of Moranbah Coal Measures in the southeast of the tenement.

The Phase 2a exploration program at Hillalong, which lies in close proximity to the Hail Creek mine in the northern Bowen Basin, follows the interpretation of the first 13km of the planned 37km seismic program, which have been completed in March.

Bowen Managing Director Mr Gerhard Redelinghuys said "The initial interpretation of the seismic results confirmed our geological model in terms of an upthrow of some older measures in the southern part of the tenement which could potentially be the sought-after Moranbah Coal Measures".

"We will now drill eight drill holes in the southern area to test the existence of these measures and to try and define new resources".

"Phase 2a will also comprise three drill holes in the northern area, commencing in the second part of the year with a view to potentially extending the existing resource in the Rangal Coal Measures at Hillalong North, as well as further seismic surveys for which land access discussion are currently being conducted," he said.

Previous exploration in Hillalong's southern area encountered the main target seams (Elphinstone and Hynds) between 116m and 167m deep with an average cumulative thickness of 8.1m (5.6m for the Elphinstone seam and 2.5m for the Hynds Upper seam)<sup>2</sup>.

Sumitomo Corporation recently committed a further \$2.5min Phase 2a to earn an additional 5% in the project though a pre-existing Farm-In Agreement. The Japanese conglomerate earned 10% of the project last year after spending \$2.5m on Phase 1 and has the option to earn an additional 5% in the project by spending another \$2.5m on Phase 2b<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See ASX Release 5 March 2021, 11 December 2020, 4 May 2020 and 18 November 2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See ASX release 27 November 2019 and 24 February 2020



Figure 1: Summary of the Phase 2a Exploration Program

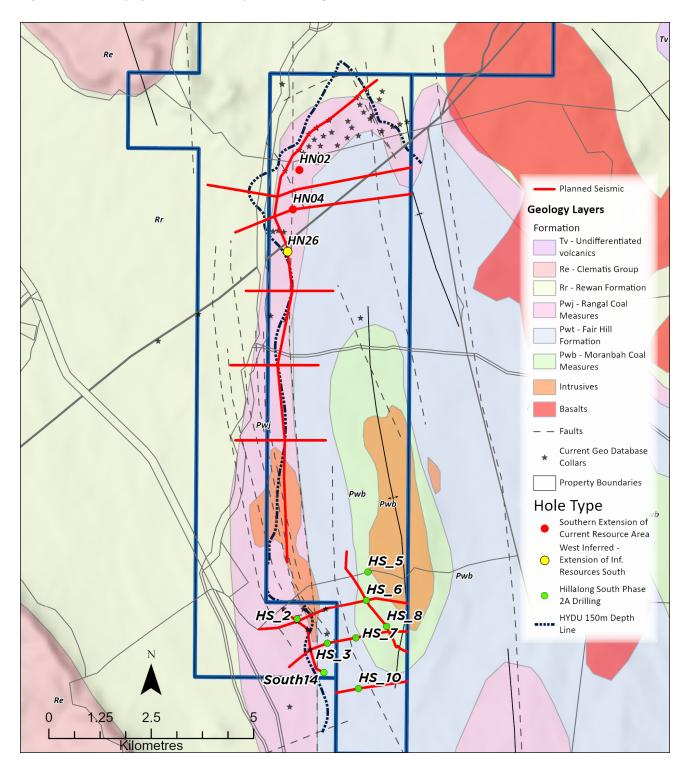




Table 1: Summary of the Resource estimate for Hillalong North \*

DEPTH	SEAM	RESOURCE CATEGORY (MT)			
		MEASURED	INDICATED	INFERRED	TOTAL
<150m	Elphinstone		4.0	4.5	8.5
	Hynds Upper		9.1	1.9	11.0
	Subtotal		13.1	6.4	19.5
>150m	Hynds Upper		7.7	15.9	23.7
	Subtotal		7.7	15.9	23.7
TOTAL			21	22	43

<sup>\*</sup> See ASX Release dated 9 June 2020 for full detail of the resource estimate. Note – Some rounding to the nearest significant figure has occurred and this may reflect in minor differences in the overall reported resource. Tonnes were calculated for an in situ Relative Density (RD). No total moisture or moisture holding capacity analysis results were available to use as in situ moisture.

The Board of the Company has authorised the release of this announcement to the market.

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### **Competent Person Statement**

The information in this announcement that relates to the Hillalong coal deposit (EPC1824 and EPC2141), is based on information compiled and reviewed by Mr Troy Turner, who is a Member of the Australian Institute of Mining & Metallurgy. Mr Turner, Managing Director and a fulltime employee of Xenith Consulting Pty Ltd, has sufficient experience that is relevant to the styles of mineralisation under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2012 Edition of the "Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves". Mr Turner consents to the inclusion in the report of the matters based on his information in the form and context in which it appears.

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The highly experienced Board and management aim to grow the value of the Company's coking coal projects to benefit shareholders by leveraging innovation and maximising the assets and network of the team. An aggressive exploration and development program underpins the business strategy.

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