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## **Wet weather causes delays for East Energy's exploration program at Blackall**

Perth-based coal exploration company, East Energy Resources Limited (East Energy) has been working to complete the drilling necessary to allow the estimation of an Indicated Resource in EPC 1149 south of Blackall. The drilling has been underway on the Carlow field in the southern part of EPC1149 and was concentrated in the area of the resource that should be amenable to open-cut mining.

The company has commissioned Xenith Consulting to complete an independent assessment of this exploration data. Xenith have completed most of the work required to complete the assessment and have constructed a geological model of the coal seams based on drilling to date.

However there are approximately 12 sites still to be drilled to complete the model and recent flooding rains throughout the central west of Queensland have resulted in the suspension of field operations.

"Drilling will recommence as soon as we can get back on the ground, but the exact timing for this is difficult to predict given the expected wet Summer that is being forecast" said Mr Mark Basso, Managing Director of East Energy.

Release of the updated JORC compliant report will be delayed until Q1 2011.

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