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Goonyella to Abbot Point Rail Project

BHP Billiton is investigating rail and port infrastructure options in the Northern Bowen Basin to support significant potential expansion of existing operations and new operations. A key part of this is a dedicated rail line from Goonyella Riverside Mine to BHP Billiton's proposed terminal at Abbot Point to support BHP Billiton Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA) and BHP Billiton Mitsui Coal (BMC) operations and future growth projects.

About the Rail Corridor Investigation and the proposed project

Development of a dedicated rail line has been identified as a key requirement in future growth of BHP Billiton's Bowen Basin coal operations.

An investigation is now being undertaken into the development of the estimated 250 - 290 km rail line to identify the optimal alignment for operational effectiveness and to minimise impacts on landowners, communities and the environment.

If approved, the proposed project will involve construction and operation of the line, including associated rail yards and maintenance facilities. Construction may also require additional lay-down areas and temporary accommodation.

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process has commenced to assess potential impacts, and to develop appropriate management strategies.

The company will engage openly and transparently with communities, landowners, local businesses, traditional owners, government agencies and environmental groups and will provide regular and timely communication to these groups.

More Information

For more information or to provide feedback:

- Phone the freecall project telephone number, 1800 108 807, between the hours of 8.30am and 8pm Monday to Friday (calls will go to voicemail at all other times and messages recorded for response during operating hours)
- Email enquiries2@bhpbilliton.com
- Attend community information sessions that will be staged to coincide with release of the EIS for public comment.

Further information on the port components of the project will be made available as they are developed.