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Production report for the quarter ended 30 June 2009

'000 tonnes (100% basis)	CNA interest	2Q 2008	3Q 2008	4Q 2008	1Q 2009	**2Q 2009**	1H 2008	**1H 2009**
Saleable production								
Hunter Valley Operations	100%							
Thermal coal		1,830	1,645	2,268	2,212	**2,383**	3,972	**4,595**
Semi-soft coking coal		1,078	629	475	492	**346**	1,760	**838**
		2,908	2,274	2,744	2,704	**2,729**	5,732	**5,433**
Bengalla Mine	40%							
Thermal coal		1,607	1,296	1,402	1,126	**1,438**	2,659	**2,564**
Mount Thorley Operations [(a)]	80%							
Thermal coal		428	918	53	513	**478**	809	**991**
Semi-soft coking coal		41	287	508	57	**157**	373	**214**
		469	1,205	561	570	**635**	1,182	**1,205**
Warkworth Mine [(a)]	55.6%							
Thermal coal		1,507	964	1,658	1,064	**918**	3,030	**1,982**
Semi-soft coking coal		46	215	125	75	**217**	46	**292**
		1,553	1,179	1,783	1,139	**1,135**	3,076	**2,274**
Total Mount Thorley Warkworth		2,022	2,384	2,344	1,709	**1,770**	4,258	**3,479**
Total coal production		6,537	5,954	6,490	5,539	**5,937**	12,651	**11,476**
Total sales [(b)]		6,233	6,196	6,605	5,214	**6,184**	12,283	**11,398**
Coal & Allied share								
Coal production		4,788	4,413	4,745	4,244	**4,443**	9,452	**8,687**
Coal sales ('000 tonnes)		4,660	4,625	4,810	4,044	**4,629**	9,231	**8,673**

(a) Production can be sourced from either mining lease and is allocated over the year based on the tonnage commitment ratio contractually agreed between the Mount Thorley and Warkworth joint ventures.

(b) Sales relate only to coal mined by the operations and exclude traded coal.

Production figures are sometimes more precise than the rounded numbers shown, hence small differences may result between the total of the quarter figures and the full year figures.

Production

Coal & Allied's share of saleable coal production for the quarter was 4.4mt, five per cent higher than the March quarter, and seven per cent lower than the corresponding quarter last year.

Wet weather continued to impact the operations, but to a lesser extent than in the first quarter. Hunter Valley Operations' production increased by one per cent on the previous quarter. Bengalla's coal production was 28 per cent higher than the preceding quarter, primarily due to improved mining conditions and a variation in coal seams, partially offset by delays associated with the commissioning of a new ROM hopper. Mount Thorley Warkworth's production increased four per cent from the March quarter, however was 13 per cent below the same quarter last year due primarily to an increased strip ratio.

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The production of semi soft coking coal is 38 per cent lower in the first half of 2009 compared with the first half of 2008. Semi soft coking coal production was increased in 2008 to take advantage of the high semi soft coking coal prices relative to thermal coal prices at that time.

Sales

Coal & Allied's share of coal sales in the second quarter was 15 per cent higher than the previous quarter largely due to the timing of higher domestic sales and available port allocation.

During May, a reduction of 1mt in the declared coal chain capacity was announced due to a rail outage caused by heavy rains in late March/early April. This will have an impact of approximately 250kt on Coal & Allied's annual port allocation for 2009.

Coal & Allied anticipates that full year 2009 sales volumes will be in line with the revised port allocation and will be broadly similar to 2008.

Other

There was no exploration activity during the quarter.

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