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ASX ANNOUNCEMENT

## Isaac River Project receives Commonwealth Government Environmental Approval

- The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water has approved the construction and operation of the new Isaac River Coal Mine.
- The proposed mine is located 28 kilometres to the east of Moranbah in the Bowen Basin in Central Queensland.

Further to our ASX announcement of 12 May 2023, [Bowen Coking Coal Ltd's \(ASX:BCB\)](#) is pleased to announce that the Isaac River Project has now been formally granted approval under the Commonwealth Government Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) on 31 May 2023.

The Isaac River Project, once operational, will produce high quality, high yielding metallurgical coal of up to 500,000 tonnes per year for approximately five (5) years. BMA's Daunia Mine operates adjacent to the proposed mine location.

The Commonwealth Government environmental approval process has taken almost 2 years. Technical studies about potential impacts to air, noise, soil, surface water, geochemical and groundwater were completed in 2019, no significant impacts were determined as a result of the Project. The EPBC approval requires Bowen Coking Coal to offset potential impacts to ornamental snake habitat and to monitor surface and groundwater (pre-commencement commitments).

In December 2022 and January 2023, Bowen Coking Coal made the application available for comment, publicly advertised in the Courier Mail, the Daily Mercury (Central Queensland) and on its website. The application was also available on the Commonwealth Government public register. Two full sets of 2,100+ page printed copies were available at the Brisbane State Library and Moranbah Library for public review and comment. No submissions were received.

Bowen Coking Coal is finalising the Mining Lease approval process with landholders and the Queensland Government. Construction is anticipated to commence during 2024 and the Project is expected to create 200 jobs in steady state mining. From a standing start a year ago Bowen Coking Coal's operations now employ over 700 in regional Queensland. Since June last year the Company has mined over 1.5 million tonnes of run of mine (ROM) coal from three operating mines.

Mark Ruston, Bowen CEO said, *"After a lengthy process, this is a significant milestone for Bowen Coking Coal and the Isaac River Project. It will enable the Company to continue to deliver much needed metallurgical coal to growing market demand and will aid Bowen in achieving our vision of an annualised ROM production target of 5 million ROM tonnes by 2024."*



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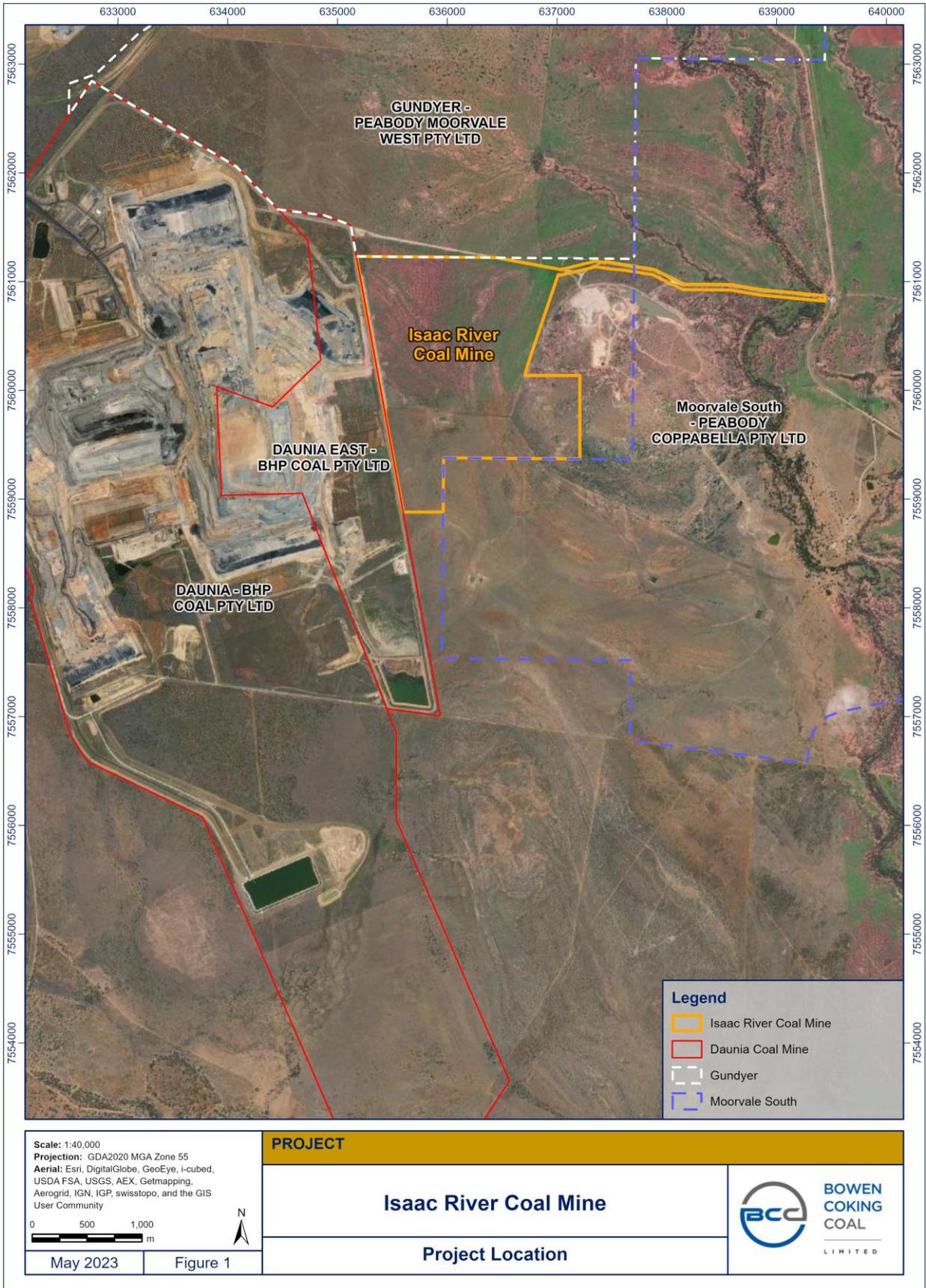


Figure 1. Isaac River Project.



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

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**About Bowen Coking Coal**

Bowen Coking Coal is a Queensland based coking coal company which operates the Burton and Bluff metallurgical coal mines, with the Isaac River mine in development and a number of advanced exploration assets. Bowen fully owns the Bluff PCI and Broadmeadow East mines as well as the Isaac River, Cooroorah, Hillalong (85%) and Comet Ridge coking coal projects in the world-renowned Bowen Basin in Queensland, Australia. The Company also holds a 90% interest in the Lenton Joint Venture which owns the Burton Mine and Lenton Project in the northern Bowen Basin, currently under mine development and recommissioning. Bowen is also a joint venture partner in the Lilyvale (15% interest) and Mackenzie (5% interest) coking coal projects with Stanmore Coal Limited.

The highly experienced Board and management team aim to grow the value of the company's coking coal projects to benefit shareholders. An aggressive exploration, development and growth focussed approach underpins the business strategy.

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