

Hail Creek Open Cut

Hail Creek Open Cut is a truck and shovel operation, located 120 kilometres southwest of Mackay in central Queensland.

Operation

Hail Creek Open Cut extracts coking and thermal coal from a large-scale Permian coal basin, which stretches 600 kilometres long and 250 kilometres wide.

Hail Creek Open Cut extracts coal from two seams; the Elphinstone Seam, with an average thickness of 6.4 metres, and the Hynds Seam, averaging 8.3 metres in thickness.

After being washed and prepared for sale, the coal is loaded onto trains for transportation, and is shipped to international customers.





180 hectares of rehabilitated land



7.8 million tonnes of saleable coal



1,020 people

employed across the site



\$628 million

invested in goods and supplies

Ownership

Glencore manages the Hail Creek Open Cut mining operations on behalf of a Joint Venture between Marubeni (12%), Sumitomo (3.33%) and Glencore (84.67%).



Operational timeline:

1982

Hail Creek Open Cut holds the land within the Surface Rights Area of ML 4738. ML 4738 was granted on 5 August 1982.

1987

ML 4738 was renewed for a further 21 years.

2001

Construction of Hail Creek Open Cut mine and associated infrastructure started.

2003

Hail Creek Open Cut was officially opened, and the first shipment of coal was delivered.

2018

Glencore began operational management of Hail Creek Open Cut after the completion of a deal that saw Glencore acquire Rio Tinto's 82% interest in the Hail Creek coal mine and adjacent coal resources.

Environmental management

Hail Creek Open Cut mine has a comprehensive Environmental Management System (EMS) in place. The EMS provides a framework for dealing with environmental management issues across all areas of the mine, in a systematic way.

The EMS covers the design, development, production, maintenance and rehabilitation of the operation and its infrastructure.

The EMS also serves to ensure that activities at the mine site are controlled and prevent or minimise any environmental impacts associated with the operation.

Rehabilitation

Hail Creek Open Cut progressively rehabilitates land no longer required for mining purposes. As of December 2023, 1,254 ha of mined land has been rehabilitated.

Community investment

Hail Creek Open Cut is passionate about contributing to the local community in which they operate.

By proudly supporting local community projects and events, as well as investing in partnership programs such as Nebo Rodeo, Nebo Campdraft Mackay Womens' Services, CQ Helicopter Rescue, CQ Trauma and Emergency Education, Creek Open Cut seeks to deliver positive and Mackay, Nebo, and Pioneer Valley regions.

