



HD Takeover of **Coal** Assets in Australia by **China**, S. Korea and India Intensified; Kingho **Energy** Group takes control of Carabella Resources

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With the background of the drop in the value of **coal** assets arising from the **coal** export market remaining in the long-term doldrums, the takeover of **coal** assets in Australia by **China**, South Korea and India has been intensified.

As reported earlier, on January 20, Kingho **Energy** Group, **China** acquired the majority shares in Carabella Resources Limited through the takeover bid (TOB) and took control of this **company**.

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As a result, Kingho **Energy** took possession of such **coal** assets owned by Carabella Resources as Bluff project and Grosvenor West project in the State of QLD.

Incidentally, Kingho **Energy** has a 71.10% shareholding in Carabella Resources at the moment.

Furthermore on 19 December 2013, Baosteel Group Corporation additionally acquired 4.6% (19 **million** shares) of shares in Aquila Resources Limited. Accordingly, Baosteel's shareholding in Aquila Resources rose to 19.79% from 15.20%.

Baosteel as a main shareholder of Aquila Resources will indirectly help Eagle Downs project and Washpool project driven by Aquila Resources in QLD.

What's more, **China** Qinfu Group Limited will provide A\$3.6 **million** in seed money for Paragon metallurgical **coal** project driven by Tiara **Coal** Limited, Australia in QLD and **purchase** more interests in this project.

In return for providing seed money, **China** Qinfu will be able to acquire a total of 23.8% additional interest in Paragon metallurgical **coal** project from Tiara **Coal**. After completion of **acquisition** of interests, **China** Qinfu's interest holding will be raised to 40.5%.

On the other hand, in December 2013, a South Korean **firm**, SK Networks Co., Ltd. purchased newly issued shares in Cockatoo **Coal** Limited for A\$50 **million**, and raised its shareholding to 25.8% from 6.3%.

SK Networks will go ahead with Baralaba **coal** mine expansion project, etc. in QLD in cooperation with shareholders of Cockatoo **Coal** such as Noble Group Limited, Hongkong.

Meanwhile, among Indian firms, in October 2013, Jindal Steel and Power Limited raised its shareholding in Gujarat NRE Coking **Coal** Limited (GNM) to 53.63% and took control of GNM.

Jindal Steel intends to work on the rationalization of NRE No.1 Mine and NRE Wongawilli **coal** mine as an existing **coal** mine in the Illawarra region through GNM in the future.

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