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Promising new surveys prompt big investment

PROMISING new **coal** indications near Tiaro have lifted expectations of a new **coal mining** industry to Gympie's near north.

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Results of testing near existing high quality identified resources have attracted significant interest from major Singapore investment and holding **company**, ICP Ltd.

Friday's announcement of early results from testing of new areas was published in The Gympie Times yesterday.

Tiaro Coal Limited's share prices rose rapidly on high volume in recent days and ICP yesterday announced it had now acquired 22.6 million shares, representing 19.9% equity.

"ICP regards the acquisition as an opportunity to participate in the Australia coal exploration and mining industry, and considers Tiaro Coal a compelling investment," ICP chairman Mick Aw said vesterday.

"The acquisition will also form the basis of a strategic relationship with China Qinfa Group Limited, a group that has coal trading and mining assets in China.

"We anticipate this association may provide further opportunities in the development of **coal** resources across Asia and Australia.

Tiaro Coal's managing director Dan Buckley welcomed ICP's entry into the company.

"We are heartened by the confidence shown by ICP," he said.

"In addition, we are hopeful that with such formidable support, Tiaro Coal will be able to move forward with its plans to develop a viable coking-PCI coal mine in Queensland."

Already identified high quality **coal** resources have been estimated at 87 **million** tonnes.

Referring to the latest optimistic early findings nearby, Mr Buckley said the recent small exploration program was immediately south of the current T9 resource area.

"If additional resources are ultimately confirmed, then these would be outside the previously announced resource," he said.

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