



Information Release

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World's largest coal flotation cell on its way to Oaky Creek Coal Mine

The world's largest coal flotation cell will be transported by road from Brisbane to MIM's Oaky Creek Coal Mine in Central Queensland's Bowen Basin.

The 22 tonne Jameson Coal Flotation Cell, loaded on to two separate vehicles, will travel from Carole Park in Brisbane, via Toowoomba, Dalby, Roma and Emerald to arrive at the Oaky Creek Coal mine on Wednesday.

The Jameson Cell, which was designed and manufactured in Brisbane is a unique approach to flotation technology, and is an excellent example of how Australian technology continues to be a leader in the world mining industry.

Worldwide the Jameson Cell is the most commonly used flotation technology in the coal industry to recover and clean fine coal.

Philip Bangerter, Business Manager MIM Process Technologies, said Jameson Flotation Cells have been operating in the Bowen Basin, for over 10 years, recovering the valuable fine coal product which is sold for use in steel making.

He said nearly 50 percent of the coal fines in the Bowen Basin is recovered by Jameson flotation Cells.

Mr Bangerter said Jameson Cells were also operating at three New South Wales coal mines, nine USA coal mines and mines in South Africa and India.

"There are now more than 200 Jameson Cells installed worldwide on a variety of mineral recovery applications."

The Jameson coal flotation cell to be installed at the Oaky Creek Coal is part of a major upgrade of the Oaky Creek Mine's coal preparation plant to improve recovery and give some additional production.

The world's largest Jameson coal flotation cell will travel through the following centres at the approximate times listed below:

Toowoomba, between 6am and 7am Tuesday, 27 March
Westwood, west of Rockhampton around 4 pm Tuesday, 27 March
Arrive Oaky Creek Coal Mine around 11am Wednesday, 28 March

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