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Ausenco Signs Contract with Carborough Downs Coal

Global diversified engineering services group, Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) today announced its Ausenco Minerals business unit had signed an EPCM contract for the delivery of a new coal wash plant and coal handling facility at the Carborough Downs Mine in Central Queensland. The contract execution marked Ausenco's first entry into the Australian coal market for the delivery of Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) services.

Ausenco Chief Executive Officer Zimi Meka said the group's involvement in this project in the delivery of services to the coal mining sector compliments its existing metalliferous industry expertise and marks an important milestone in the strategic growth of the company. The contract was executed wholly by Ausenco Minerals with Carborough Downs Coal Management Pty Ltd for its 5 mtpa coal plant.

"With over 80% of Ausenco's projects being delivered outside Australia, it is exciting to be awarded a coal project in Australia where capital expenditure in the coal sector is anticipated to be significant in the next five years. Over the past twelve months, Ausenco has been strategically developing its capacity in coal in line with broader objectives of diversification and growth. We are now seeing the fruits of our commitment and perseverance in breaking into this competitive market. In particular, we are delighted to be able to work with Vale in executing this exciting project and look forward to the development of a long-term relationship with this major global resources house."

"Our core coal processing team, comprise leading specialists in the coal industry, many of who have been involved in some of the most significant coal developments within Australia in recent years." said Mr Meka. These skills when combined with Ausenco's strong track record in the delivery of successful minerals processing projects around the world, provides a strong platform do deliver projects both in Australia and internationally."

The Carborough facility is owned by the Carborough Downs Joint Venture, one of the major partners being major Brazilian resource company Vale (formerly CVRD). Increased production is anticipated to commence in the 3rd Quarter 2009.

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About Ausenco Limited

Ausenco is a leading process engineering and project management services provider to the minerals and resource industries. Within the key resource industries Ausenco's global specialist expertise delivers innovative solutions for its clients across the full project lifecycle, from preliminary scoping studies, through innovative engineering to project operation.

Focused on delivering on its purpose and strategic growth initiatives, Ausenco is working to build upon its key minerals industry experience through project delivery and alliances to grow a sustainable business in the process infrastructure and related resource industries.