Ausenco wins process infrastructure contract in Chile

Ausenco Limited (ASX: AAX) today announced it had signed the Create phase contract to deliver engineering, procurement and quality assurance services (EP services) for a portion of the infrastructure works at Compañía Minera Teck Quebrada Blanca S.A.’s Quebrada Blanca Phase 2 copper project in Chile.

Ausenco’s Process Infrastructure business has been delivering study and front end design work for both the port and pipeline facilities since 2008 before being recently notified as preferred engineer for this next stage of development. Quebrada Blanca Phase 2 is currently in the detailed engineering phase. A construction decision will be made when permitting is further advanced, likely in 2014.

Ausenco has been retained to provide EP services for Quebrada Blanca’s port and pipeline facilities, and the project’s slurry pipeline, tailings delivery system, raw water and water recovery pipeline and associated high-pressure pump-stations.

Ausenco CEO Zimi Meka said we have been successful in winning extended scopes of work on projects and converting early phase activity to additional opportunities along the value chain. This demonstrates the value of our full service offering, the strength of our client relationships and our reputation for delivering.

The Quebrada Blanca project is located 170 km southeast of the city of Iquique, in northern Chile at an altitude of 4,200 metres above sea level. If the project proceeds, Quebrada Blanca Phase 2 is anticipated to produce approximately 250,000 tonnes of copper concentrate and 6,000 tonnes of molybdenum concentrate per year over its first five years of operation.

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