

## NEWS RELEASE



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### **BHP announces divestment of BMC interest**

BHP today announced it has signed a Share Sale and Purchase Agreement to divest its 80 per cent interest in BHP Mitsui Coal (BMC), an operated metallurgical coal joint venture in Queensland.

Stanmore SMC Holdings Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Stanmore Resources Limited (Stanmore Resources), has agreed to acquire 100 per cent of the shares in Dampier Coal (Queensland) Pty Ltd from BHP Minerals Pty Ltd, the subsidiary which holds BHP's interest in BMC, for cash consideration of up to US\$1.35 billion.

The purchase price comprises US\$1.1 billion cash on completion, US\$100 million in cash six months after completion and the potential for up to US\$150 million in a price-linked earnout payable in the 2024 calendar year. Excluding the price-linked earnout, this represents an Enterprise Value/EBITDA multiple of 6.9x<sup>1</sup>.

The sale is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including customary competition and regulatory approvals. This includes approval from the Foreign Investment Review Board. Stanmore Resources has agreed to a break fee payable where certain conditions are not satisfied.

Stanmore Resources would assume economic and operating control of BMC on completion of the sale, including its share of all current and future liabilities of BMC subject to certain limited exceptions. Completion is expected to occur in the middle of the 2022 calendar year.

BHP will continue to operate BMC until completion and work closely with Stanmore Resources to ensure a successful transition of ownership. BHP will provide certain transitional services to Stanmore Resources for a short period of time after completion.

BHP's President Minerals Australia Edgar Basto said: "This transaction is consistent with BHP's strategy, delivers value for our company and shareholders and provides certainty for BMC's workforce and the local community.

"As the world decarbonises, BHP is sharpening its focus on producing higher quality metallurgical coal sought after by global steelmakers to help increase efficiency and lower emissions.

"South Walker Creek and Poitrel are well-run assets that have been an important part of our portfolio for many years and we are grateful for their contribution to BHP.

"Under this agreement, BMC will transition to Stanmore Resources, an ASX-listed company that has established relationships with Traditional Owners and strong engagement with their workforce and local communities.

"Stanmore Resources share our focus on safety performance and culture and support Australia's commitments under the Paris Agreement."

Net proceeds will be incorporated into and evaluated in accordance with our capital allocation framework to determine the appropriate manner to maximise value to shareholders via future dividends, share buybacks or combination of both.

Stanmore Resources is an Australian Securities Exchange listed business with operations in Queensland's Bowen Basin and has committed to oversee and operate BMC in compliance with industry best practice in relation to safety and environmental performance, as well as regulatory, community and workforce engagement.

Golden Energy and Resources Limited, a Singapore Exchange listed company and Stanmore Resources' major shareholder, guarantees Stanmore Resources' obligations to pay the purchase price and any break fee obligations to BHP up to US\$600 million.

The review process for New South Wales Energy Coal is progressing, in line with the two-year timeframe announced in August 2020. BHP remains open to all options and continues consultation with relevant stakeholders.

<sup>1</sup>Based on an unaudited EBITDA of US\$174 million (80% basis) for the 12 months to 30 September 2021.

#### About BMC

BHP Mitsui Coal (BMC) comprises the Poitrel and South Walker Creek operations, Red Mountain Infrastructure and the Wards Well development in Queensland, Australia. BHP Group Limited operates BMC as part of an 80:20 joint venture with Mitsui.

Further information on BHP can be found at: [bhp.com](http://bhp.com)

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