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500 NEW NEW MINE JOBS

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MACARTHUR Coal has played its hand with more than \$300 million on the table. And they're not bluffing. The company owns Coppabella and Moorvale mines, near Nebo, but even after being hit hard by the sudden

drop in market conditions late last year, chief executive officer Nicole Hollows said the plan was to double its presence in the region within five years.

Macarthur currently exports about 4.5 million tonnes of coal a year which will jump to nine million.

It will be matched by Macarthur's workforce jumping from about 500 in

total at the moment to more than 1000, including contractors.

Ms Hollows said Middlemount was the first priority with construction slated to begin next month and production to take off in 2010.

From there it will produce about a million tonnes a year until 2013 when it will ramp up to between three and

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