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Thiess plays its part in sustaining South East Queensland

Thiess, one of Australia's largest engineering and construction companies, has secured a 3 year contract for mining services with Tarong Energy Corporation Limited. Tarong Energy will take ownership of the Tarong Mine, which feeds the adjacent Tarong power stations, on 31 January 2008.

Michael Rosengren, Thiess Qld/NT/Pacific General Manager, said that the Tarong power stations are a critical part of Queensland's infrastructure and power supply. Thiess is excited at the opportunity of partnering with Tarong Energy Corporation in the South Burnett.

"We look forward to working with the existing workforce and surrounding communities to continue and build on the successful operation of the Tarong Mine," he said.

"This is a serious long-term opportunity for Thiess and the South Burnett region and we are committed to keeping everyone informed and ensuring a smooth transition for all parties concerned.

"Our strongly held core values of people, safety and community will assist throughout this process," said Mr Rosengren.

The contract for total mine operations includes mine planning, drill and blast, over burden removal including dragline operation, coal mining, coal processing and maintenance of all fixed and mobile plant.

This contract complements Thiess' other work in Queensland and in particular the Bundamba Advanced Water Treatment Plant which will ultimately provide some security of water supply to the Tarong and Swanbank Power Stations.

Tarong Mine is situated 45km from Kingaroy in the South Burnett region and operates twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

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About Thiess

Thiess has diverse operations throughout Australia, South East Asia and the near Pacific.

In Queensland Thiess is involved in projects covering the mining, civil, building, rail, process and services sectors.

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