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BHP BILLITON DONATES A\$500,000 TO RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF IN NEW SOUTH WALES

In response to the significant impact of the recent New South Wales bushfires on local communities, BHP Billiton today donated A\$500,000 to Red Cross emergency response and recovery work in New South Wales from the BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities charity.

BHP Billiton Coal President, Dean Dalla Valle, said: "BHP Billiton has had a long relationship with communities in New South Wales, where two of our core coal assets are based. We hope this donation will assist Red Cross in helping the communities that have been affected by the bushfires in the region."

As well as the A\$500,000 donation, BHP Billiton will donate two dollars for every one dollar donated by an employee through its Matched Giving Program.

BHP Billiton has approximately 4,130 employees and contractors in New South Wales. Our operations include Illawarra Coal's metallurgical coal operations, the Mt Arthur Coal mine in the Hunter Valley and the Caroona Coal Project near Quirindi.

BHP Billiton Sustainable Communities is a charity established by BHP Billiton as part of its community investment program.

Further information on Red Cross disaster relief can be found at: www.redcross.org.au/recover.

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