

PRESS RELEASE

Kyushu Electric Power joins globalCOAL

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 ${\sf globalCOAL}^{\circledR} \ announced \ today \ that \ \ \textbf{Kyushu Electric Power}, \ one \ of \ Japan's \ largest \ utility \ companies, \ has \ joined \ its \ online \ coal \ trading \ platform.$

Established in 1951, Kyushu Electric Power Company generates, transmits and distributes electricity in the Kyushu area of Japan. Its facilities include thermal (coal, LNG and petroleum), hydro and nuclear power plants.

Etsuyo Tomita, Market Manager for Japan at globalCOAL, is delighted to welcome Kyushu Electric Power. 'The Asian thermal coal market benefits hugely from diverse market participation on the globalCOAL platform. With this in mind, we are encouraged to see another Japanese utility join the globalCOAL trading community.'

About globalCOAL®

globalCOAL was founded by leading members of the world coal industry to promote screen trading of standardised coal products. The company has developed the world's leading electronic marketplace for thermal coal, as well as a range of standardised coal quality specifications, a Standard Coal Trading Agreement (SCoTA®), and robust methodology for coal price index calculation. globalCOAL is also cooperating with leading energy exchange ICE Futures Europe to develop the coal Futures market. For more information, please visit www.globalcoal.com

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