The Bulga Coal complex is located 15 kilometres southwest of Singleton, near the village of Broke, in New South Wales.

Ownership
The Bulga complex is managed by Bulga Coal Management (BCM) on behalf of the Bulga Joint Venture, which comprises Saxonvale Coal Pty Ltd (87.5%) and Nippon Steel and Sumitomo Metal Australia Pty Ltd (12.5%).

Saxonvale Coal Pty Limited is 100% owned by Oakbridge Pty Limited. The ownership of Oakbridge is as follows:
- 78% Enex Oakbridge Pty Limited (ultimately 100% owned by Glencore)
- 15.2% JX Nippon Oil & Energy (Australia) Pty Limited
- 5.0% Tomen Panama Asset Management S.A
- 1.8% JFE Shoji Trade Corporation

Our History
- 1982: BHP granted approval to mine coal at what was then known as the Saxonvale Mine located east of Broke Rd.
- 1989: Oakbridge (majority owned by Glencore) purchased the Saxonvale Mine and the lease to the north forming the entity now known as Bulga Coal.
- 1990: Bulga Coal gained approval to also mine east of Broke Rd at rate of 5.2 Mtpa.
- 1994: Underground mining commenced within the Bulga Complex at South Bulga.
- 1997: A coal exploration licence was granted over the Fordwich Vineyard area west of the existing mining leases.
- 2004: Approval was granted to underground mine up to four seams out until 2031. The Beltana.
- 2009: In 1999 approval to continue underground operations within the mining lease at a rate of 12.2 Mtpa out until 2025.
- 2010: Underground Mining commenced in the Blakefield Seam in 2010 and will continue until approximately 2023.
- 2014: The Bulga Optimisation Project was approved, with no change to the mining rate (12.2 Mtpa), out until 2035.
- 2015: In 2015 it was announced that Underground Mining of Blakefield North will be put on hold.
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The complex includes Bulga Open Cut, Bulga Underground Operations and the Coal Handling and Preparation Plant.

Bulga Open Cut is a dragline, truck and shovel operation targeting the Redbank, Wambo, Blakefield, Glen Munro and Woodlands Hill seams of the Whittingham coal measures.

Bulga Underground is a longwall mining operation and has approval to mine coal from four coal seams: Whybrow, Blakefield, Glen Munro and Woodlands Hill until 2031.

Environmental Management

Bulga Coal has in place a number of initiatives to better manage impacts and reduce noise from existing operations, including:

- A $173 million investment in sound-suppressed mining equipment;
- Real-time noise and air quality monitoring, both on site and in neighbouring villages;
- A dedicated noise and dust control centre, manned 24/7 to respond to real-time monitoring data;
- Compulsory dust and noise management education for employees.

The Bulga Optimisation Project has a very strong sustainable development element with reduced noise, air quality and visual impact early on in the life of the project.

The reduced impacts will largely be as a result of the construction of the noise and visual bund (man-made hill).

Community

The Bulga complex supports its local communities through sponsorships, donations and in-kind support. We encourage our people to buy locally, and are actively involved in local schools and groups, including the Broke Fair and the Broke-Fordwich Wine Tourism Association.

A feature of the Bulga calendar are the regular community barbeques, which are used to discuss operations at our mines and strengthen relationships with our neighbours.

Annual Production for Bulga Open Cut

2015 SALEABLE COAL

6.33 million tonnes

Annual Production for Bulga Underground

2015 SALEABLE COAL

3.28 million tonnes

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