Newlands coal complex is 100 percent owned by Glencore and located 33 kilometres north-west of the township of Glenden in the northern part of Queensland’s Bowen Basin, 190 kilometres by road west of Mackay. Newlands commenced open cut operations in 1983, which was later to be complemented by underground (longwall) mining in 1998. While underground operations ceased in June 2016, the open cut continues to produce steaming coal and coking coal for export markets.

As at 31 December 2016, 32% (2,282 hectares) of the Newlands’ disturbance had been rehabilitated. Throughout 2016 and 2017, Glencore worked collaboratively with the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to certify land associated with part of an overburden emplacement area. The mined land was progressively rehabilitated in three sections over 19 years ago (in 1995, 1997 and 1998) to habitat suitable for flora and fauna.

On 2 June 2017, 73.48 hectares of rehabilitated land was certified by the Queensland Government. At the time of approval, Newlands was the first open cut mine in the State to receive certification. This milestone marked a significant achievement and provided a constructive way forward for both Government and the mining sector in encouraging further certification of progressive rehabilitation.

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