

## Media Release

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### Tarong Energy opens office in Kingaroy

Tarong Energy will have a stronger presence in Kingaroy from next week with a new office in Kingaroy Street opening to support the development of the Kunioon Mine.

Communications & Community Relations Manager for the Kunioon Development Project, Mr David Latchford, said that the office would provide a necessary base of operations for project staff who are in the region several days each week.

“Within a few months, we will also make the office a shopfront where people can drop in and learn more about the project as we progress the development of the mine over the coming four years,” he said.

“If people would like specific information about the project in the meantime, they can call the dedicated hotline on 1800 206 722 or email [info.kunioon@tarongenergy.com.au](mailto:info.kunioon@tarongenergy.com.au).”

Mr Latchford said many recent calls to the hotline had come from jobseekers.

“While we would like to be in a position to give concrete answers regarding employment opportunities at the Kunioon Mine, the fact is that the project is still four years away from completion,” he said.

“We will advertise in local and state papers as well as on the internet as positions do become available.”

Other enquiries have come from local businesses regarding tendering opportunities on the project.

“While the majority of the supplier opportunities will become available in the later phases of the project, we are in the process of setting up a web-based system so that local businesses can register their interest,” Mr Latchford said.

The new office will be officially opened with a low key event this Thursday.

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### Background

The Queensland Government announced on September 10 2007 that it had accepted Tarong Energy's recommendation to purchase Tarong Mine from Rio Tinto Coal Australia and construct a new mine at Kunioon.

This announcement followed two years of intense work spent assessing three fuel source options (the other two being New Acland and Glen Wilga).

The Kunioon Mine will be constructed in time to ensure a smooth transition when the Tarong Mine is no longer commercially viable, which is anticipated to be December 2011. The new mine will be linked to the power stations by a 16 kilometre coal transport conveyor system.

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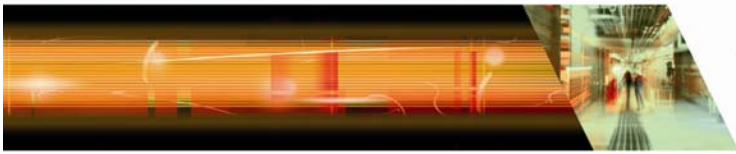
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As well as securing hundreds of jobs in the South Burnett region, the decision ensures the long-term viability of the Tarong and Tarong North power stations so they can continue to meet Queensland's growing electricity needs.

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