
Sandvik to build Hunter coal mining equipment making facility

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It is reported that Sandvik Mining and Construction has begun the process of building what will be one of the company's largest manufacturing, assembly and repair centres in the world.

Sandvik has been working closely with the NSW state government and Port Stephens Council on a site for its new Hunter Valley Supersite facility and has recently signed a contract to shortly start construction on a 16 hectare Greenfield site at Heatherbrae, just north of Newcastle.

According to Mr Rowan Melrose Sandvik Region Australia-Pacific's, the company's growth both organically and through acquisition meant there was a need for an integrated manufacturing, repair and engineering centre of excellence in Australia.

He said that "And because Australia is one of our biggest single regions globally, we felt it essential that this new centre set the benchmark for our operations."

Construction of Sandvik's new HVS facility will start during 2009 and is planned for completion by late 2010. The facility will combine a number of Sandvik's existing Australian based businesses serving both Australian and global markets in a single site.

Mr Melrose said that "An important element of the Supersite is to bring all our acquired operations into a single business under the Sandvik banner, so that they are less seen as a collection of separate Businesses." He added that the new facility will highlight the size and scope of the Sandvik business, not only in Australia, but globally.

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