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## South Korea aims to tap coal supply in Inner Mongolia

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South Korea's state run Korea Coal said that it is aiming to tap coal mines in China's Inner Mongolia as part of its efforts to explore overseas resources.

KOCOAL which oversees the coal mining industry in South Korea said that it is considering investment in open pit coal mines in Ordos City, one of 12 major subdivisions of Inner Mongolia that has coal reserves with great potential. Inner Mongolia is estimated to have about 732.3 billion tonnes in coal reserves, with its coal production capacity expected to reach 1 billion tonnes in 2015. Coal production in Inner Mongolia reached 114.5 million tonnes in 2005 and 637 million tonnes in 2009. Steadily increased production of the fuel in Inner Mongolia has made it the largest coal-producing region in China, replacing Shanxi Province.

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