



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## Boral Gold Coast Quarry - Environmental Impact Statement Studies Underway

Scientific, technical and geotechnical studies for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) have commenced on the site of Boral's proposed Gold Coast Quarry near Reedy Creek.

Mr Steve Pyne, Regional General Manager, Boral Construction Materials (Qld/NT), said Boral has engaged 18 independent consulting firms to undertake the studies and investigations required by the State Government Terms of Reference for the project.

"The proposed quarry is a \$2.2 billion resource with approximately 84 million tonnes of exploitable hard rock. The site has the potential to supply the Gold Coast with high grade construction materials for over 40 years," Mr Pyne said.

Seventy per cent of the 220 hectare site will be set aside as vegetated buffer and Boral will develop only 30% of the site, or less than 70 hectares, in stages over a 40 year timeframe.

Mr Pyne said preliminary studies, including some fauna and flora surveys, have already commenced but with the recent engagement of the full consultant team activity on site will increase in coming months.

"The upcoming EIS studies will include more detailed fauna and flora surveys, weed identification and mapping, social impact assessments, groundwater mapping and geotechnical surveys. Some of these investigations will involve heavy equipment use, such as drilling for geological investigations, however we do not expect this to disturb neighbours or local residents," Mr Pyne said.

As a health and safety precaution, Boral will limit unauthorised access to the site and install heavy equipment warning signage. The Company acknowledges that local residents may have accessed the site without permission in the past for recreation purposes. The improved security will also assist Boral to manage illegal dumping on and around the site.

The proposed quarry was declared a Significant Project by the Queensland Coordinator-General in November 2010 and the final Terms of Reference for the project's EIS were released in August 2011.

The EIS is scheduled to be completed and lodged with the Coordinator-General in December 2012.

For information on the project, please visit our web site [www.boral.com.au/goldcoastquarry](http://www.boral.com.au/goldcoastquarry) or email [goldcoastquarry@boral.com.au](mailto:goldcoastquarry@boral.com.au) or phone 1800 109 401.

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