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The TechEco Newsletter

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From the editor, John Harrison.

This is the second edition of this newsletter in a short period of time as there have been a number of new developments.

To read the newsletter you will have to download Adobe Acrobat 4 reader from one of the many sites on the internet and if you can't find one <http://www.adobe.com> is a good start.

There is also a confidential memorandum as a pdf file and if you wish to be on the email list for this you will need to sign a document of bona fides.

New possible strategic alliances

Pozzolanic Enterprises Pty. Ltd.

I have identified a cement company operating in Australia with a vested interest in selling heaps of fly ash and iron ore slag. (literally!)

The company is Pozzolanic Enterprises Pty. Ltd which is a subsidiary of QCL Limited.

Queensland Cement Limited (QCL) is a member of the international "Holderbank" Group, one of the world's leading suppliers of cement, as well as aggregates, concrete and construction-related services with interests in more than 60 countries on every continent.

QCL has unprecedented access to global expertise and international resources, including innovative research and development at the cutting edge of cement and concrete technology.

The QCL Group is Queensland's largest manufacturer and distributor of cement and one of Australia's major marketers of concrete materials.

Incorporated in 1914, QCL's operations and assets stretch from Cairns to Melbourne and include strategic joint venture and associate companies in both Australia and South East Asia.

Pozzolanic Industries, a member of the QCL Group, is a major marketer of fly ash as is it a 50% joint venture partner with Clough Engineering Group in MPA Energy Services providing management, operations and maintenance to the power industry, with particular focus on coal and the by-product fly ash, and fly ash materials management.

Another joint venture, Australian Steel Mill Services (ASMS) supplies services to BHP Steel at Port Kembla in NSW. ASMS is responsible for the processing of blast-furnace slag, a by-product of iron and steel-making; the marketing of slag products to the cement and construction industries; and the undertaking of general civil engineering services and equipment on site.

QCL is the only identified cement producer in Australia with a vested interest in selling fly ash and slag products and as magnesium cements can use a very high proportion of fly ash cross synergies are apparent.

Australian Bulk Minerals Pty Ltd.

Australian bulk mineral Pty. Ltd. are a private company that amongst other activities operate the Savage River Iron ore mine in Tasmania. They have world class magnesite reserves that are largely located around and as overburden to their magnetite deposits and as such has to be removed to allow mining to continue.

They plan to use their existing pipeline to send the ore to Port Latta and there produce magnesium compounds including magnesia.

This project is entirely synergistic with ABM's current plans and could substantially contribute to the marketability of the magnesium compounds they plan to produce by adding value.

The new company to be formed

Unfortunately the name Eco was not available so I am going to call the new company TechEco Pty. Ltd and interest from potential investors has been very high.

The initial share price will be very low and the objective is to build value. I am also talking to a number of public companies and discussing placements and share swaps with them.

If you are interested in finding out more about this float please contact me.