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# TWO MEGA MINE EXPANSIONS SET FOR MORANBAH

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TWO mines near Moranbah will more than triple their production as one of the world's largest miners,

Peabody, pushes ahead with massive expansions in the face of harsh global conditions.

The Millennium Mine, 22km east of Moranbah, will lift its annual production

rate from two million tonnes a year up to 7.5 million tonnes, while the Eaglefield Mine's expansion will lift its maximum production capacity from 5 million tonnes of coal a year to a huge 18 mil-

lion tonnes a year.

Both the expansions are going through environment impact assessment by the State Government and if their plans pass scrutiny without major hurdles,

work could be completed in early 2011.

A spokesperson for Peabody Energy said the company was expecting Millennium to begin production by the end of the first quarter

of 2011.

"It's a significant investment by Peabody," she said. "They're in the embryonic stage, so they're a fair way out, but it's a significant

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