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COAL SERVICES HEALTH & SAFETY TRUST AWARDS \$1.6 M CONTRACT TO QinetiQ

- **QinetiQ will develop Coal Services' next generation *Virtual Reality* Software**

Sydney (Australia), 28 July 2010- *Coal Services Health and Safety Trust* announced today the grant of a \$1.6 M contract to QinetiQ, in order to deliver next generation software for its *Virtual Reality Training (VRT)* technology. The project will be finalized in early 2011, and it is expected to take Coal Services' *VRT* technology to a complete new level in terms of flexibility and adaptability.

Coal Services Health and Safety Trust primary areas of interest are the occupational health and safety of coal mine workers in the Australian Coal Industry across all states. In accordance with its mission of seeking out and applying quality research for the benefit of coal miners, the project aims to provide a unique opportunity to expand and enhance the delivery of critical services to the NSW coal mining industry, in the areas of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and training.

"Following its completion, and with ongoing consultation of all stakeholders, the enhanced VRT technology will be extensively used by the mining industry, which can also provide broader benefits to other hazardous industries and the community. Ultimately, the new software will greatly enhance the functionality, outcomes and value of our services", stated Coal Services' Chairman Ron Land.

Coal Services' Virtual Reality facilities are world class, delivering unique, and industry specific interactive training for mine workers across NSW. "This research and development of *VRT* technologies allows Coal Services to keep up with demand from industry stakeholders through increased efficiency and training content", added Land.

QinetiQ is an international provider of world's leading defence technology. The company has been selected among several applicants for their worldwide experience in the area of virtual reality content development. "They have a vast experience in high risk industries, offering innovation and advanced products and services that can be applied to this project", concluded.

About *Coal Services Health & Safety Trust*

Coal Services Health & Safety Trust operates by Deed and was formed on the 19th December 1991. The Trust's primary areas of interest are the occupational health and safety of coal mine workers in the Australian Coal Industry across all states.



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The objectives of the Trust are:

- The investigation and research of ways and means of identifying, measuring and ameliorating hazards in coal mines to coal mining personnel and coal mining communities and with particular reference to preventing illness, injuries and accidents and
- The resolution of engineering, medical, geological, economic, industrial relations and general management issues which may impinge on health and safety issues in coal mines, the mining environment and mining communities.

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About Coal Services:

Coal Services Pty Limited is an industry-owned, workplace focused, specialist organisation leading best practice occupational health, safety, worker's compensation insurance, mines rescue services and innovative training solutions throughout Australian coal mining and heavy industries.

Coal Services Pty Limited has statutory functions as outlined within the NSW Coal Industry Act 2001. These functions include, but are not limited to the provision of workers compensation, occupational health and rehabilitation services for workers engaged in the coal industry; collection, collation and dissemination of statistics relating to the health and safety of workers engaged the coal industry; and the provision of mines rescue services and training to the NSW coal industry.

Coal Services Pty Limited has developed the most advanced real world simulator of its kind, preparing staff to respond to dangerous situations that may be encountered in a hazardous environment. The Virtual Reality Training System is accurate and realistic, allowing staff to experience and respond to real hazards in a safe and controlled environment, before actually encountering them in the workplace. Please visit: www.virtualrealitytrainingsystem.com