

## Media Release

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## Boral to boost Mackay masonry block plant capacity

Boral announced plans today to double the output of its Mackay masonry block plant. The announcement comes as a result of the strong mining, housing and infrastructure activity forecast in the region.

Currently operating a fully automated, low-cost Columbia concrete block plant in Mackay, which manufactures masonry blocks, pavers and retaining wall blocks for the surrounding area, Boral has committed to the construction of two additional kilns to boost the plants capacity by mid 2010.

"The additional kilns that we have committed to build will help to ensure that the Mackay operation has sufficient manufacturing capacity to meet the regions demands both now and into the future," said Brad Newell, General Manager, Boral Masonry.

"We are dedicated to supporting development in the Mackay region and will be increasing the permanent workforce supporting this plant," added Newell. "It was only three years ago that we upgraded and expanded the same site, and this announcement positions Boral for market driven growth."

## **About Boral**

Boral Limited is a leading Australian building and construction materials company with operations that span Australia, the United States and Asia. The group has an annual turnover of \$4.9 billion, 14,800 employees and operates in more than 700 locations.

Boral produces and distributes a broad range of construction materials, including quarry products, cement, flyash, pre-mix concrete and asphalt; and building products, including clay bricks and pavers, clay and concrete roof tiles, concrete masonry products, plasterboard, windows and timber.

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