



References for Coal Action Network's (2015) report Ditch Coal
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Appendix IV

Smaller Coal Mining Companies Operating in Colombia

Murray Energy Corporation: In August 2015 it bought Colombia Natural Resources (CNR) from Goldman Sachs. In 2014 CNR was banned from exporting as its port facilities fell short of new environmental standards. In early 2015 it reached an agreement to export from the public port in Santa Marta. [7] Murray Energy intends to push up the annual output rate at the La Francia mine in northern Colombia to 3 million tonnes by the end of the year from its current output of approximately 2.5 million tonnes. [8]

Pacific Coal: Annual production was 0.6MT at its Cerro Largo mine, Cesar Department and 1.1MT at its La Caypa mine in La Guajira. It also owns an underground coking coal operation in Boyaca Department.

Minas Paz del Río: The Brazilian company Votorantim controls Minas Paz del Río. The company extracts coal and iron in the Boyaca Department. In 2013 its coal mining license was extended for another 29 years with the commitment that it would increase coal production to 2.5million tonnes within seven years. The mining license extension is an additional driver in the plan to construct a 910km railway route through a public-private partnership that would link mines in the centre of the country to the Caribbean ports. [9]

Carbones del Caribe: This company exploits 370000 tonnes a year of coal in the Puerto Libertador area in the Cordoba department. They are a subsidiary of Cementos Argos.

Potential New Coal Mining Projects

Company	Project
Vale Coal	El Hatillo
Carbones del Cerrejón Ltd	Cerrejón Zona Sur
Carboandes	Rondón
MPX	La Guajira
Vale Colombia Ltd	Cerro Largo Sur
Galway Res. Ltd – Prodeco	GALCA
Cerro Matoso S.A.	Puerto Libertador
Geominas	Rio Oro

Galway-Prodeco	GALCA coal project
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Río de Oro, Norte de Santander Geominas: This mine, with reserves estimated at 349 million tonnes, has been planned for the last ten years but still not developed due to local opposition and lack of transport infrastructure to move the coal out.