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Bureau Veritas acquires CCI Holdings Limited in Australia

Founded in 1977 and headquartered in Newcastle near Sydney, CCI Holdings Limited (CCI) provides testing, certification and technical services, mainly to the mining and processing industries.

CCI operates through 2 main divisions:

- CCI Australia provides analytical and technical support testing and services to the coal mining industry and to other industries.
- CCI Pope provides technical solutions and integrated reliability management services to the resources industry.

CCI's organisation also includes:

- CCI Ukraine, which provides analytical services and quality control programmes to the Ukrainian and Russian mining industries.
- PT Surveyor CCI, a joint venture in Indonesia, operating inspection and testing mining services to the Indonesian mining sector.

CCI has more than 600 employees located in 15 offices and laboratories, among which 30 employees in Ukraine, and 70 in the Indonesia joint venture. Its turnover for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, ending June 30th, 2006 reached 58.6 million Australian dollars (about 35 million euros).

This acquisition significantly enhances Bureau Veritas' presence on the Australian market by more than doubling the Group's operations in Australia, strengthening its leadership position in industrial services and non-destructing testing services, and extending its activities to the mining and power industries. Bureau Veritas in Australia now represents a workforce of nearly 1,000 employees.

Please, visit the CCI website: <http://www.cciaustralia.com.au>