



Location

Mt Keith, North Eastern Goldfields, WA

Value

\$270 million

Client

BHP Billiton Nickel West

Contract Type

Alliance

Duration

March 2003 to Current

Plant and Equipment

600 tonne hydraulic mining shovels
35 x 240 tonne dump trucks

In 2003, Thiess strengthened its position in the metalliferous mining sector, securing a three year alliance with the then Western Mining Resources (now BHP Billiton Nickel West) for mining operations at Mt Keith in the North Eastern goldfields of Western Australia.

The alliance will be responsible for driving the Mt Keith Pit more than 600m deep (currently 350m deep) and moving more than 95 million tonnes of material annually.

Over 400 employees operate the mine 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year and contribute to the world's nickel supply.

The alliance enables Thiess and BHP Billiton to work in an integrated management team to manage the challenges presented by this large open cut mine.

Carey Mining Services, a local Aboriginal corporation, provide labour hire for the mine.

