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## Port Pirie eyed for coal processing

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WPG Resources says it might build a coal processing plant at Port Pirie in South Australia. **Map: SA**

WPG and its American partner Evergreen Energy have started pre-feasibility studies for an open-pit coal mine at its Penrhyn site near Coober Pedy.

Test samples show the coal would be suitable for export.

Samples from Lochiel, north of Port Wakefield, also are being tested.

The coal needs to be treated for export and WPG executive chairman Bob Duffin says the company is investigating whether to do the processing at Port Pirie.

"The block of land in Port Pirie is suitable for the construction of our export facilities. The issue is whether that land is big enough to put a processing plant on it as well," he said.

Up to 600 million tonnes of coal could be exported from the Penrhyn site alone.

WPG Resources recently sold its iron ore assets to OneSteel, which ended work on a proposed export facility at Port Pirie.

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