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PERTH-based thermal coal producer **Handini Resource (HDI)** listed on the Australian Securities Exchange last week after securing an offtake agreement with Visa Comtrade (VCL), a member of India's Visa Group of companies. Handini also successfully completed a \$3.4 million capital raising to VCL. Under the off-take agreement, VCL — which is a Singapore-based company trading in industrial raw materials and products — has agreed to buy a total of 14.4 million tonnes of coal from Handini's advanced coal project in Sumatra, Indonesia. VCL has also agreed to subscribe for up to \$10 million worth of shares in three tranches tied to the attainment of various delivery milestones under the coal purchase arrangements. The first tranche, comprising 6.8 million shares at 50c each to raise \$3.4 million, has been completed, enabling Handini Resources to proceed with its ASX listing. After the issue of the first tranche of shares, the company will be taken to have assigned the rights to forward purchase 4.8 million tonnes of coal to VCL. Subscription for the second and third tranches will occur after 500,000 and 1 million tonnes of coal respectively have been shipped to VCL. HDI's shares were 46c on Friday.