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WHITEHAVEN COAL LIMITED QUARTERLY REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

- Saleable coal production up 40% over the previous corresponding period.
- Coal sales (including traded coal) up 34% over the previous corresponding period.
- Completion of the sale of 7.5% interest in Narrabri Coal Project to China's Yudean Group for AUD\$67.5M.
- Mr Keith Ross retired as Managing Director. As previously announced, Mr Rob Stewart has been appointed Managing Director. Mr Stewart joined Whitehaven as CEO in October 2007,
- Construction of the Narrabri project is continuing with the mine on schedule for delivering first coal in Q4 FY09.
- Project Approval for the Rocglen Project (formerly Belmont) was granted by the NSW State Government in April.

The production results for the third quarter of the 2007/2008 financial year ("FY08") for Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX: WHC) and its controlled entities are set out below.

Consolidated Equity Production and Sales

(Thousand tonnes)	March Quarter*			Year-to-date*		
	FY08	FY07	Δ	FY08	FY07	Δ
ROM Coal Production	528	481	10%	1,561	1,282	22%
Saleable Coal Production	520	370	40%	1,423	1,008	41%
Coal Sold **	618	460	34%	1,620	1,037	56%
Coal stocks at end of period	269	268	0%	269	268	0%

* All figures are on an equity basis, ** Includes purchased coal

OPERATIONS

WMP (Thousand tonnes)	March Quarter*			Year-to-date*		
	FY08	FY07	Δ	FY08	FY07	Δ
ROM Coal Production	389	414	(6%)	1,333	957	39%
Saleable Coal Production	376	259	45%	1,176	631	86%
Coal Sold	310	320	(3%)	1,139	624	83%
Coal stocks at end of period	270	284	(5%)	270	284	(5%)

** All figures are on an 100% basis, ** Includes purchased coal*

The Whitehaven Mining Precinct (“WMP”) includes the Canyon and Tarrawonga open cut mines and the Whitehaven Coal Handling and Preparation Plant and train load-out facility.

- The decrease in production reflects impact of Canyon nearing the end of its reserves, only partly offset by increased production at Tarrawonga (+39%).
- Rocglen will phase in to replace Canyon over the next 12 months.

WERRIS CREEK (Thousand tonnes)	March Quarter*			Year-to-date*		
	FY08	FY07	Δ	FY08	FY07	Δ
ROM Coal Production	225	322	(30%)	823	1,075	(23%)
Saleable Coal Production	227	360	(37%)	820	1,082	(24%)
Coal Sold **	340	364	(6%)	891	1,072	(17%)
Coal stocks at end of period	66	94	(30%)	66	94	(30%)

** All figures are on an 100% basis, ** Includes purchased coal*

- There were production shortfalls in January and February due to operational factors, March production improved but still fell short of target.
- Conditions will favour higher production in April and May due to the combined impact of release of coal at the bottom of the mine, introduction of an improved mine plan and impact of operational changes.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

NARRABRI

- The project is on schedule for delivering first coal in Q4 FY09.
- Contracts for the civil construction and initial mining equipment have been signed.
- Works for the highway intersection were successfully completed and earthworks for the access road, office and workshop area, and box cut have commenced.

SUNNYSIDE

- The Environmental Assessment was lodged in March and was placed on Public Exhibition 18th April, 2008. Coal production from Sunnyside is planned for late Q2 FY09.

ROCGLEN (previously BELMONT)

- Project Approval was granted by the NSW State Government in April. First coal from the project is planned for Q1 FY09.
- Construction at Rocglen is expected to commence in May 2008 with a local road upgrade and the development of a 6.2km private coal haulage and access road, site facilities and workshop, coal handling and crushing plant, and a box cut and ramp to access the coal seam.
- Total construction and development cost is expected to be approximately \$35 million, with 30-40 contractors employed during construction and an ongoing workforce of around 50 people during production.

EXPLORATION

A drilling programme is underway at the Werris Creek mine aimed at bringing all of the resource to measured status.

Drilling has commenced at Narrabri to provide additional data for detailed planning of the pit bottom area and the first and second longwall panels.

Remodelling of the geology is underway for the Belmont, Sunnyside, Werris Creek and Tarrawonga deposits in anticipation of an update to the JORC resources towards the end of Q4 FY08.

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