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Dear Sir

FY2009 - Results Presentation

Please find attached FY2009 Results Presentation which will be delivered by the Managing Director to analysts and the media later this morning.

Yours Faithfully

Timothy Burt
Company Secretary



Whitehaven Coal Limited

Delivering Growth

FY 2009 Results

August 25th 2009





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FY 2009 financial highlights



- ▶ **Reported net profit after tax (NPAT) of \$244.2 million**, including NPAT of \$166.9 million from the sale of 15% of the Narrabri Joint Venture and other Significant Items
- ▶ **Underlying NPAT of \$77.3 million** (excluding Significant Items), compared to \$12.9 million last year
- ▶ **Final fully franked dividend of 6 cents per share** (record date 18 September, payment date 30 September)
- ▶ EBITDA of \$174.5 million (excluding loss on coal purchases), reduced to \$136.3 million after \$38.2 million pre-tax loss on coal purchases
- ▶ Revenue of \$356.3 million (net of purchased coal), up 92% over last year
- ▶ Strong cash generated from operations of \$135.6 million
- ▶ Proceeds received from the sale of Narrabri of \$59.0 million
- ▶ Capital investment of \$166.5 million
- ▶ Net cash flow of +\$50.3 million, with cash on hand of \$131.2 million at 30 June
- ▶ Institutional placement on 30th July raised additional net ~\$177 million, SPP in progress with a maximum further \$53 million in cash to be raised (assuming 100% take-up)
- ▶ Final stages of negotiation with Australian bank consortium to replace existing credit lines

FY 2009 operating highlights



- ▶ Excellent safety and environmental record maintained
- ▶ Coal sales up 48% (equity basis) over last year (up 42% on 100% basis)
- ▶ Saleable coal production up 36% (equity basis) over last year (up 32% on 100% basis)
- ▶ Rocglen open cut mine commissioned successfully
- ▶ Sunnyside open cut mine commissioned successfully
- ▶ Owner operation introduced at Werris Creek mine in December 2008, resulting in an increase in saleable production rate from 0.9 Mtpa in Q2 to 1.4 Mtpa in Q4
- ▶ Canyon mine closed and final rehabilitation underway

FY 2009 business development highlights



- ▶ JORC Marketable Coal Reserves more than doubled during the year to 278.6 Mt
- ▶ JORC Coal Resources increased during the year to 761.8 Mt
- ▶ Open cut expansion implemented successfully (Rocglen & Sunnyside)
- ▶ Opencut mines and coal reserves in place to support more than 5 Mtpa saleable production for 20 years
- ▶ Narrabri Stage 1 construction progressing according to plan; on track to reach coal in late 2009
- ▶ Concluded the sales of 7.5% interests in Narrabri JV to each of J-Power and EdF
- ▶ Subsequent to year end, agreed to sell a further 7.5% Narrabri interest to Daewoo/KORES
- ▶ Entered into the Blackjack Joint Venture to supply coal and produce retort coke
- ▶ Rail track upgrade commissioned through to Narrabri, more paths and longer trains
- ▶ Development of the NCIG port facility progressed on schedule; first coal scheduled to be shipped end March 2010
- ▶ Tri-partite agreement reached (Implementation Memorandum) between Newcastle Ports Corporation (NSW Government), PWCS and NCIG to provide long term access arrangements to Newcastle export capacity

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Coal sales



Equity basis

(Mt)	FY 2009	FY 2008	Change
Gunnedah Operations	2,460	1,469	+67%
Werris Creek	1,102	944	+17%
Whitehaven Total	3,562	2,413	+48%

100% basis

(Mt)	FY 2009	FY 2008	Change
Gunnedah Operations	2,939	1,583	+86%
Werris Creek	1,102	1,255	-12%
Whitehaven Total	4,041	2,837	+42%

Saleable coal production



Equity basis

(Mt)	FY 2009	FY 2008	Change
Gunnedah Operations	1,690	1,266	+33%
Werris Creek	1,107	784	+41%
Whitehaven Total	2,797	2,050	+36%

100% basis

(Mt)	FY 2009	FY 2008	Change
Gunnedah Operations	2,174	1,613	+19%
Werris Creek	1,107	1,111	-
Whitehaven Total	3,281	2,724	+20%

Profitability



A\$ millions	FY 2009	FY 2008
Coal sales – 000t (equity basis)	3,562	2,413
Reported revenue	489.4	252.0
Sales tonnes – 000t (equity basis, excluding purchased coal)	2,753	2,007
Revenue – (excluding purchased coal and net of NSW royalty)	356.3	185.8
<i>Average coal price – A\$/t (excluding purchased coal and net of NSW royalty)</i>	<i>129.42</i>	<i>92.59</i>
Operating costs – (excluding purchased coal and NSW royalty)	(181.8)	(125.7)
<i>Average cost of coal sold – A\$/t (excluding purchased coal and net of NSW royalty)</i>	<i>66.03</i>	<i>62.61</i>
EBITDA (excluding purchased coal)	174.5	60.2
Pre-tax loss from coal purchases	(38.2)	(11.1)
EBITDA	136.3	49.1
NPAT (excluding Significant Items)	77.3	12.9
Net profit after tax on sale of Narrabri JV interests	181.9	38.9
Other Significant Items after tax	(15.0)	-
Reported NPAT	244.2	51.9
Earnings per share (cents per share -diluted)	60.3	14.4
Final dividend (cents per share - fully franked)	6.0	1.7

Cash flow



A\$ millions	FY 2009	FY 2008
Cash generated from operations	135.6	17.9
Interest and tax payments	(13.0)	(5.9)
Net cash provided by/(used) in operating activities	122.7	12.0
Proceeds from sale of assets	59.0	67.5
Capital investment (excluding leasing)	(130.7)	(76.8)
Other investing activities	11.6	(19.5)
Net cash provided by/(used) in investing activities	(60.1)	(28.8)
Proceeds from issue of share capital	15.3	145.8
Proceeds/(repayment of borrowings)	(10.7)	(69.3)
Dividends paid	(16.8)	-
Net cash provided by/(used) in financing activities	(12.3)	76.5
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	50.3	59.7
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 July 2008	80.9	21.2
Cash and cash equivalents at 30 June 2009	131.2	80.9

30 June financial position



A\$ millions	FY 2009	FY 2008
Cash	131.2	80.9
Current receivables	173.6	49.0
Other current assets	50.8	38.1
Current assets	355.5	167.9
Non-current receivables	98.3	27.2
Other non-current assets	553.2	428.2
Total assets	1,007.0	623.4
Current payables	64.8	37.9
Current tax payable	106.9	10.1
Current interest bearing loans and borrowings	33.4	23.0
Other current liabilities	9.0	2.9
Current liabilities	214.1	73.8
Non-current payables	-	10.4
Non-current interest bearing loans and borrowings	44.8	32.3
Other non-current liabilities	49.6	17.3
Total liabilities	284.2	133.8
Net Assets	722.8	489.5

Capex and FX summary



<u>Capital Investment - \$ million</u>	FY 2009
Rocglen Development	24.5
Sunnyside Development	16.8
Gunnedah CHPP Maintenance	1.8
Tarrawonga Maintenance	1.3
Total Gunnedah Operations	44.4
Werris Creek Development (Mining Equipment for Own/Operate)	26.1
Narrabri Stage 1 Development	91.7
Other (Land/Bonshaw etc.)	4.3
Total Whitehaven	166.5

<u>FX Contract Status</u>	30 June 2009
Total FX contract value – US\$ million	481.6
Average US\$:A\$ FX contract rate over all contracts	0.75
Percentage of total fixed US\$ income covered	77%
Percentage of FY 2010 US\$ revenue covered	96%
Average US\$:A\$ FX contract rate for FY 2010	0.74

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Achievements in FY 2009



- ▶ Increased managed saleable coal production by 32%, to 3.3 Mt
- ▶ Developed opencut mines to provide up to 5.5 Mtpa of saleable coal production capacity (100% basis) from 4 opencut mines
- ▶ Increased opencut coal reserves, to support opencut saleable coal production of 5 Mtpa for more than 20 years
- ▶ Progressed Narrabri Stage 1 underground mine construction as planned
- ▶ Completed Narrabri Stage 2 development application, to be lodged in August
- ▶ Completed detailed planning for Narrabri Stage 2 with longwall to be ordered in October for delivery and installation in early 2011
- ▶ Concluded sales of 7.5% interests in Narrabri JV to J-Power and EdF
- ▶ Subsequent to year end, agreed to sell a further 7.5% Narrabri interest to Daewoo/KORES

Coal Resources and Reserves



COAL RESOURCES - AUGUST 2009 (100% Basis)

Mining District		Measured Resource	Indicated Resource	Inferred Resource	Total Resources
GUNNEDAH OPERATIONS	Opencut	42.2	93.1	37.0	172.3
GUNNEDAH OPERATIONS	Underground	8.4	40.3	62.1	110.8
WERRIS CREEK	Opencut	30.0	4.8	2.7	37.5
NARRABRI	Underground	119.3	184.0	135.0	438.3
ASHFORD	Opencut	-	2.6	0.3	2.9
TOTAL COAL RESOURCES		199.9	324.8	237.1	761.8

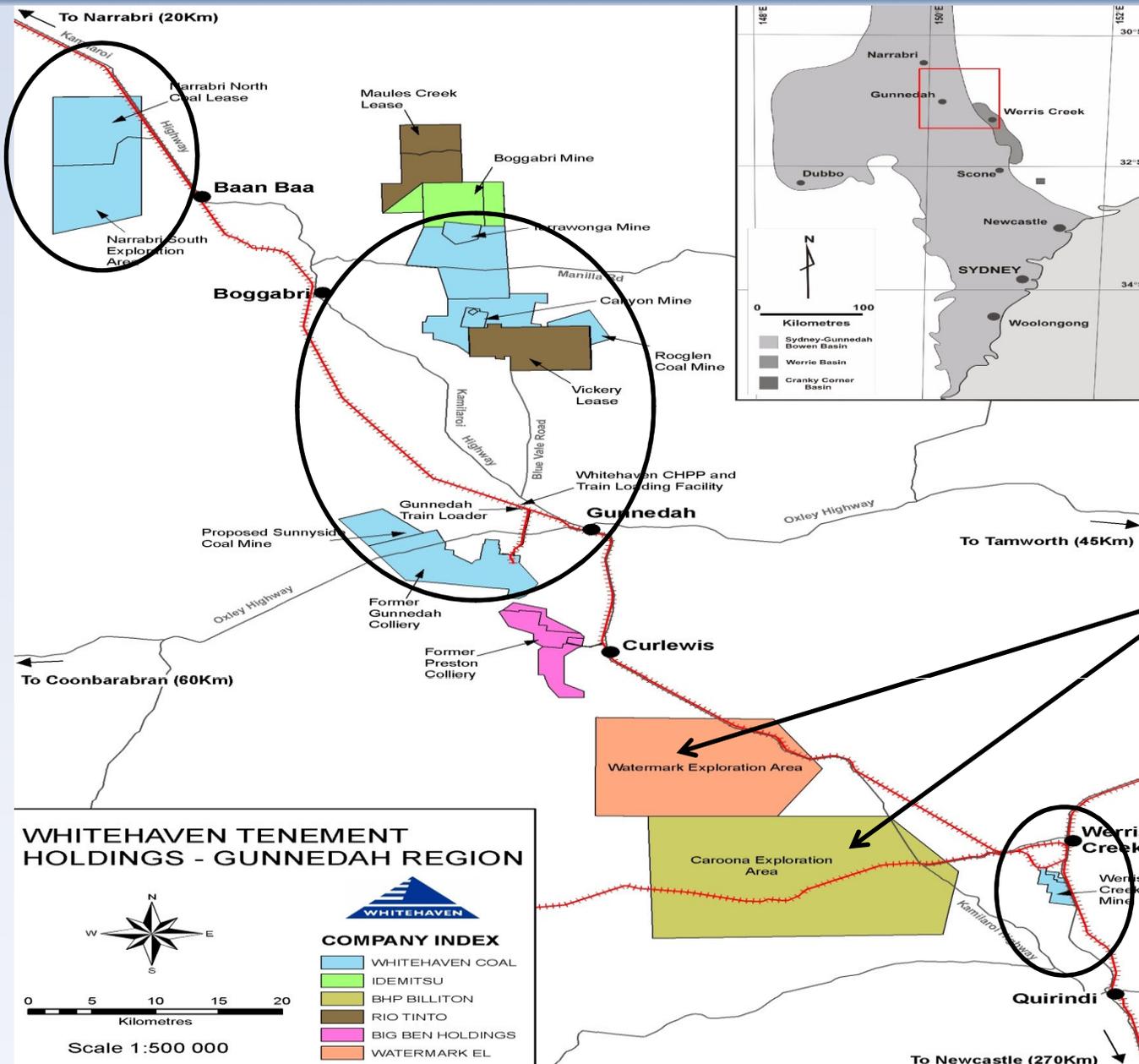
COAL RESERVES - AUGUST 2009 (100% Basis)

Mining District		Recoverable Reserves			Marketable Reserves		
		Proved	Probable	Total	Proved	Probable	Total
GUNNEDAH OPERATIONS	Opencut	23.6	55.5	79.1	21.9	52.8	74.7
WERRIS CREEK	Opencut	27.6	4.4	32.0	27.6	4.4	32.0
TOTAL OPENCUT		51.2	59.9	111.1	49.5	57.2	106.7
NARRABRI	Underground	70.5	131.4	201.9	64.1	107.8	171.9
TOTAL COAL RESERVES		121.7	191.3	313.0	113.6	165.0	278.6

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Whitehaven is the leading coal producer and developer in the Gunnedah Basin



- ▶ Whitehaven recognised the value of Gunnedah Basin coal early and has been building its large resource base for 10 years
- ▶ Narrabri was one of the last large Exploration Licences (EL) issued under the old NSW system, i.e. without competitive tender
- ▶ Subsequent EL tenders have highlighted the value now being placed on Gunnedah Basin coal resources, with BHPB being the successful bidder for the Caroonia EL and Shenhua the successful bidder for the Watermark EL

Whitehaven has a solid, low-risk, existing OC business with up to 5.5 Mtpa saleable capacity



► Gunnedah Operations – 3 OC Mines

► Tarrawonga Mine (WHC 70%)

- Reserves to support 15 – 20 year LOM
- Permitted to 2.0 Mtpa ROM
- PCI & high quality thermal coals
- Saleable coal yield >90%

► Rocglen Mine (WHC 100%)

- Reserves to support 8 – 10 year LOM
- Permitted to 1.5 Mtpa ROM
- PCI and thermal coals
- Saleable yield ~85%

► Sunnyside Mine (WHC 100%)

- Reserves to support +20 year LOM
- Permitted to 1.0 Mtpa ROM
- Thermal coals



Gunnedah operations – CHPP and rail loader



► Gunnedah Operations CHPP (WHC 100%)

- Permitted to handle and rail 4.0 Mtpa
- Handles all coal from Tarrawonga, Rocglen and Sunnyside
- Approximately 50% of ROM coal washed
- Washed coal yield >80%
- Total saleable coal yield >90%



Werris Creek open cut mine

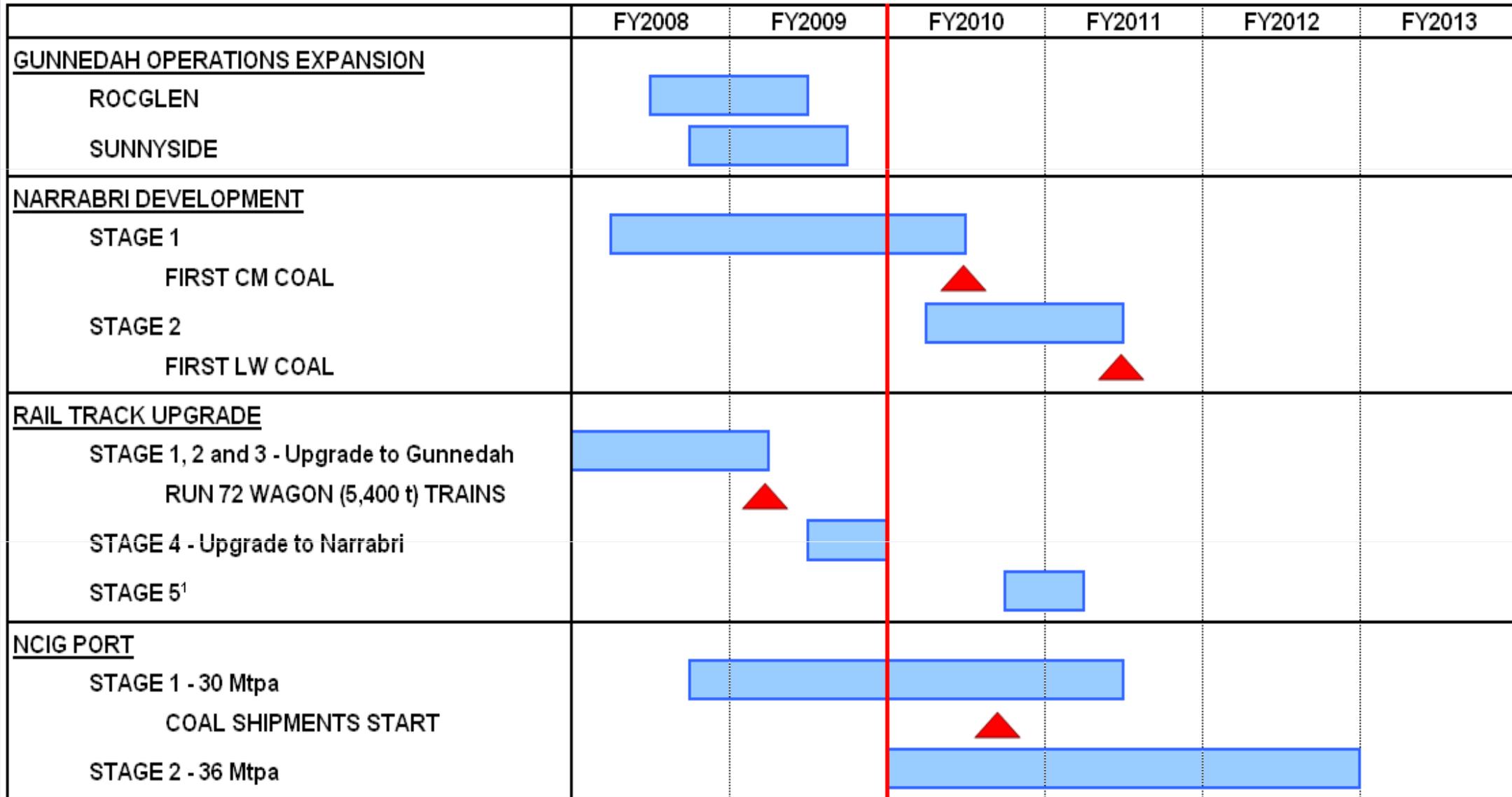


► Werris Creek OC Mine (WHC 100%)

- Reserves to support 15 – 20 year LOM
- Permitted to 2.0 Mtpa
- PCI and thermal coals
- Saleable yield 100%
- Own crushing and rail load-out



WHC growth profile is being coordinated with infrastructure development



1. Timing for stage 5 of the rail track upgrade is uncertain – it is expected that it will be completed in line with production requirements

Whitehaven has substantial, near-term growth with Narrabri UG - Stage 1 construction on track



► Narrabri Project (WHC 70%)

- Low ash, high energy, low sulphur thermal coal for the export market
- Surface facilities are nearly finished with drift drivage well advanced
- Continuous miner operations expected to begin in late 2009
- Longwall (Stage 2) to be installed in early 2011
- Production of up to 6.0 Mtpa (100% basis) from 300m wide x 4.2m high LW
- High productivity is expected due to the thickness and continuity of the coal seam
- Saleable coal yield > 90%



Rail infrastructure to meet Whitehaven growth



- ▶ Whitehaven (60%) and Idemitsu (40%) have sponsored ARTC and RIC investment to increase rail track capacity
- ▶ Current track capacity is 6-7 train paths per day to Narrabri
- ▶ 5,400 tonne trains give capacity of 11-12 Mtpa between Whitehaven and Idemitsu.....sufficient to meet short and medium term growth plans
- ▶ ARTC plans to further increase capacity to ~16 Mtpa to meet Whitehaven and Idemitsu requirements
- ▶ Increasing rail capacity beyond 16 Mtpa will require additional investment:
 - Rail capacity can be increased to 25 Mtpa by a new alignment either across or through (i.e. tunnel) the Liverpool Range
 - Such development capex will be shared by other major producers in the area e.g. Caroon (BHP), Watermark (Shenhua), Maules Creek (Rio Tinto)

Note 1: Capacity based on current payloads of 3,300 tonnes per train

Port infrastructure to meet Whitehaven growth



▶ Existing PWCS Terminal

- Ongoing capacity constraints at PWCS
- PWCS has expansion plans to 145 Mtpa

▶ Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (“NCIG”)

- Whitehaven owns 11% of NCIG....Stage 1 due to be commissioned in Q1 2010, in line with first Narrabri production
- Stage 1 capacity of 30 Mtpa due to be available to NCIG members pro-rata to shareholding
- Stage 2 capacity of a further 36 Mtpa expected to become available in 2012, of which 12 Mtpa to be made available to non-NCIG shippers

▶ Producer Agreement for port access

- Implementation Memorandum between Newcastle Ports Corporation (NPC), PWCS and NCIG agreed and submitted to the ACCC in early April 2009
- This provides Whitehaven with 3.6 Mtpa from PWCS, 3.3 Mtpa from NCIG Stage 1 and 2.6 Mtpa from NCIG Stage 2.....a total of 9.5 Mtpa
- Whitehaven will have access to additional port capacity from PWCS/T4, following commitment by NCIG to Stage 2

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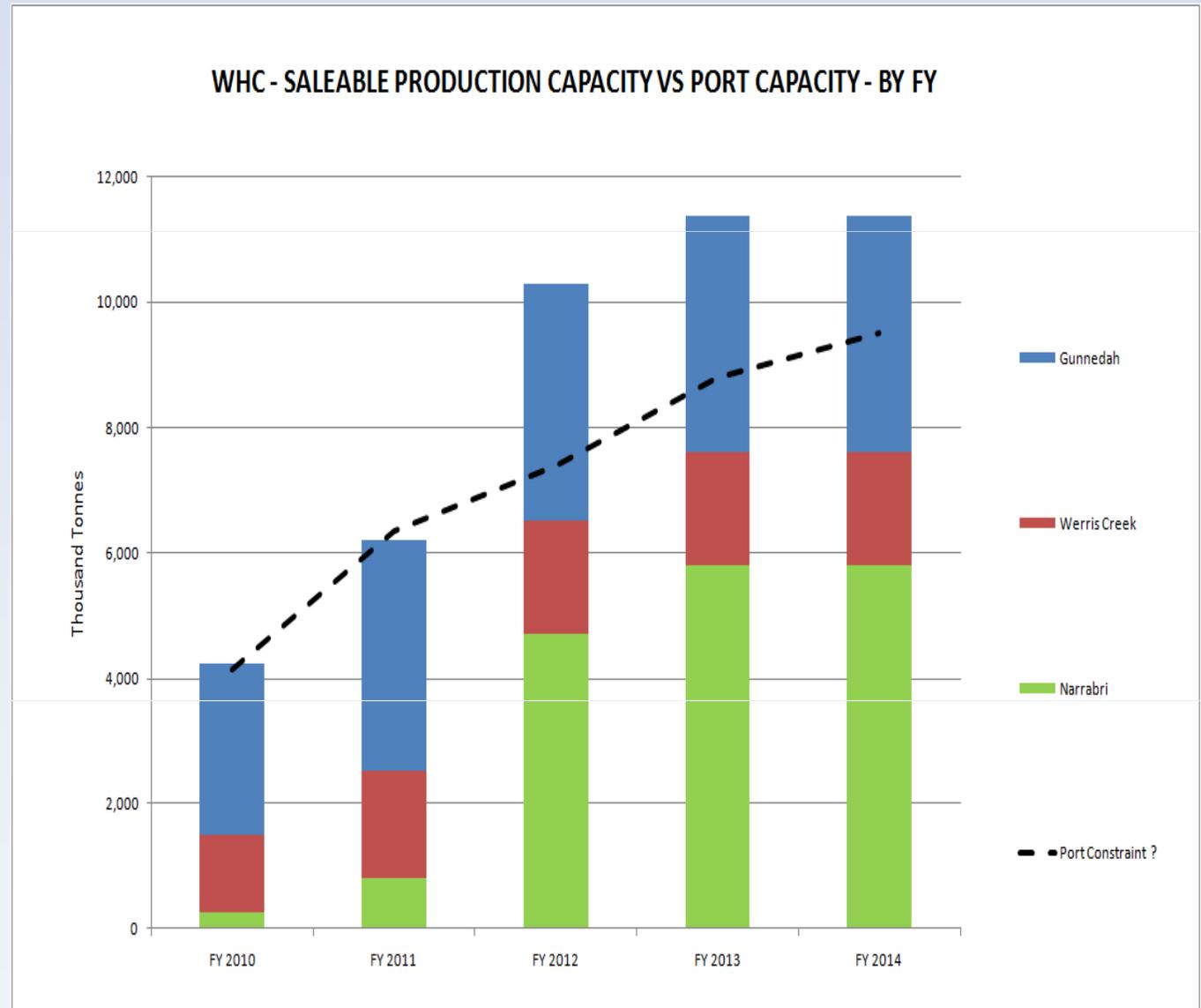
NCIG status – August 2009



Existing low-risk open cut production base with substantial organic growth from Narrabri project



- ▶ Four open cut mines producing 4 Mtpa, capacity up to ~5.5 Mtpa
- ▶ WHC has invested in rail track capacity upgrades to support growth plans
- ▶ Narrabri Stage 1 under construction
- ▶ Growth will be significant, but may be constrained in the medium term by port capacity
- ▶ 11% ownership of NCIG an important asset
- ▶ Total production capacity for Whitehaven could be up to ~11.5 Mtpa by FY2013 (up to ~5.5 Mtpa from existing mines and up to ~6 Mtpa from Narrabri)



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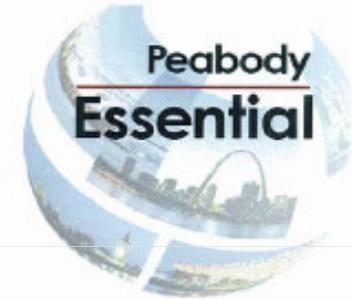
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The big picture: why invest in Australian coal?



A Transmission Line for Much of the World

2.5 Billion People Burn Wood/Dung for Primary Energy



3.6 billion people in the world have no access, or inadequate access, to electricity

“2.5 million women and children die prematurely from breathing fumes from biomass stoves.”

– World Health Organization, 2007

Source: World Coal Institute; World Health Organization.

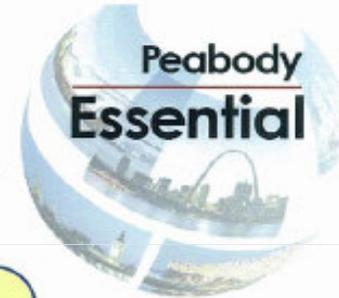
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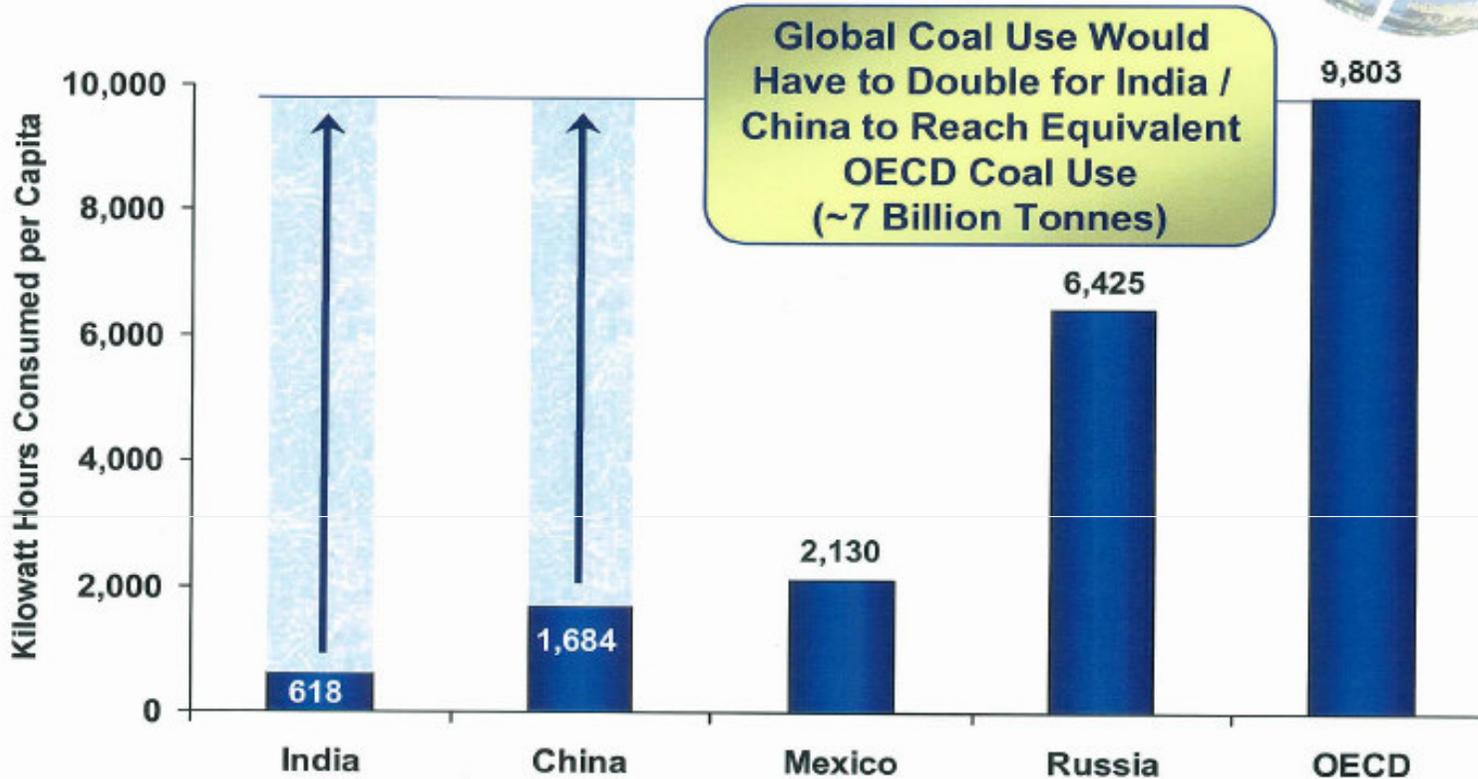
Electricity demand increasing rapidly



The Long-Term Growth of Electricity and Coal is Only Beginning



Electricity Use (kWh) Per Person



Source: 2007-2008 Human Development Report, United Nations.

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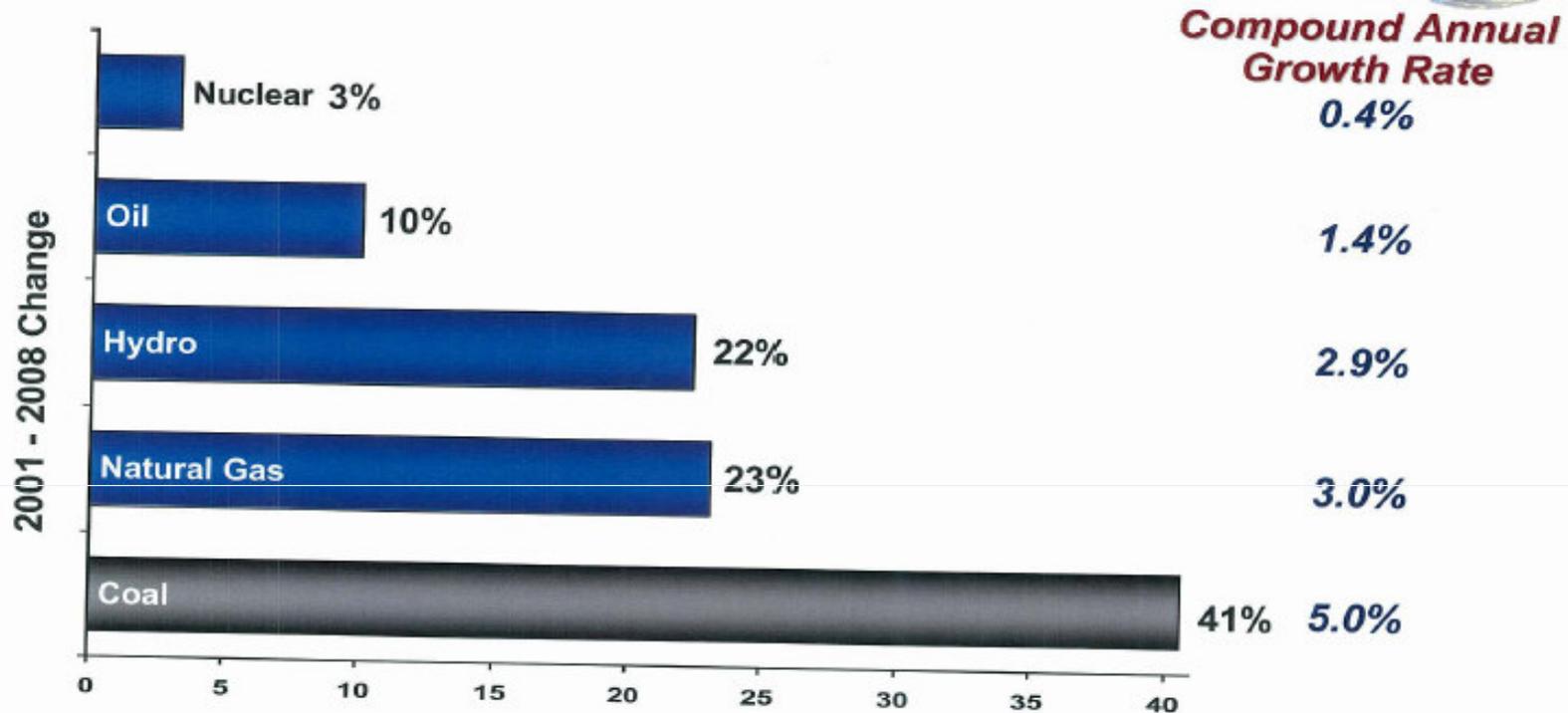
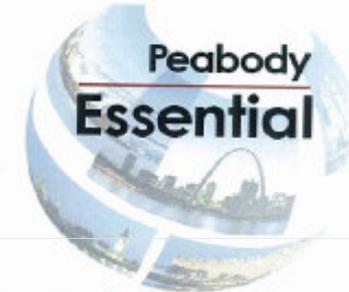
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What are the fuel options for large-scale increases in electricity production?



Coal Continues to be the World's Fastest Growing Fuel

Seven-Year Change in Global Energy Consumption



Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2009.

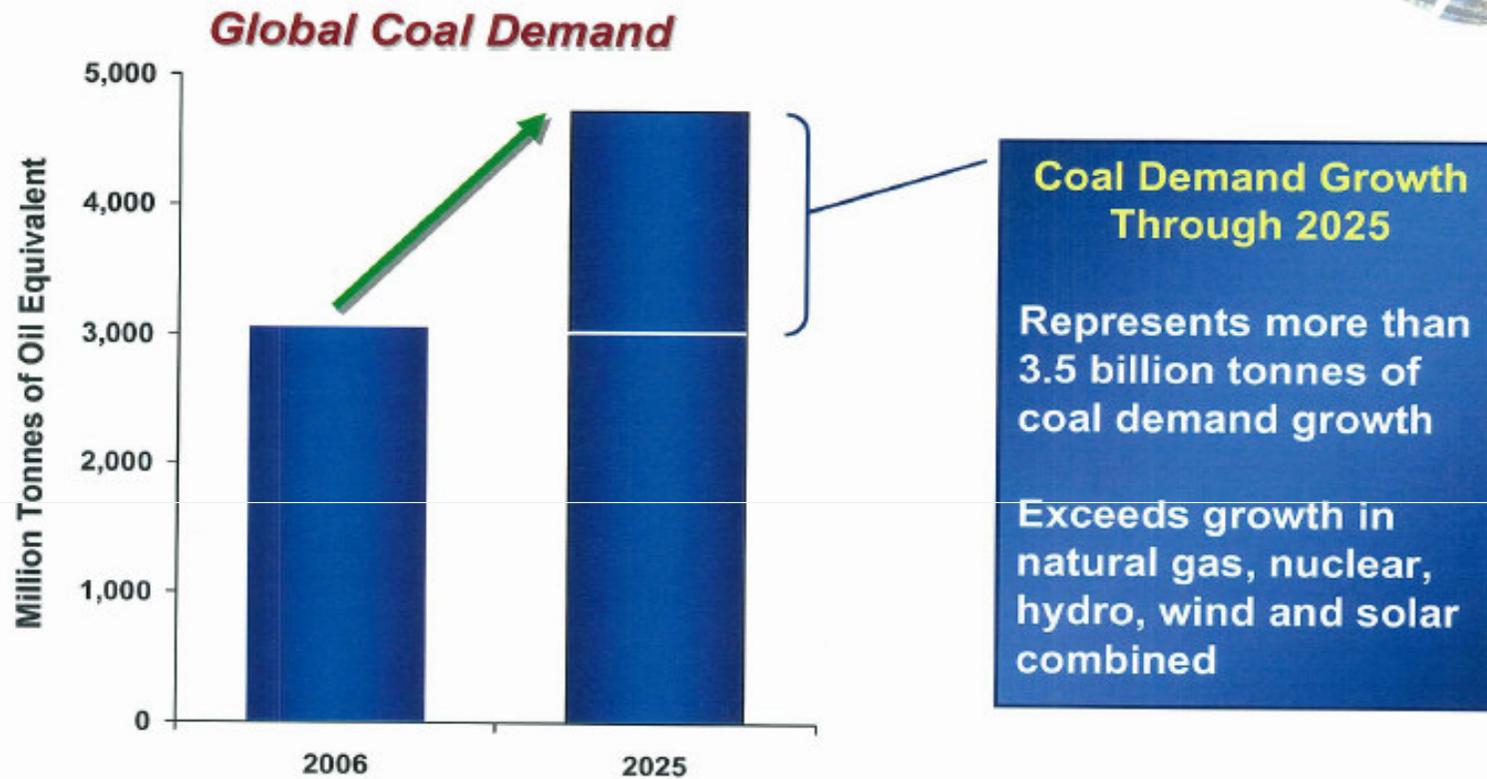
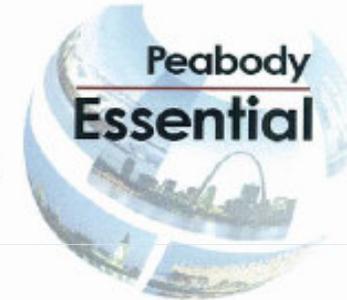
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What do the experts say about the future?



International Energy Agency Projects 55% Growth in Global Coal Use by 2025



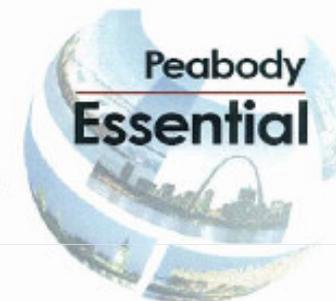
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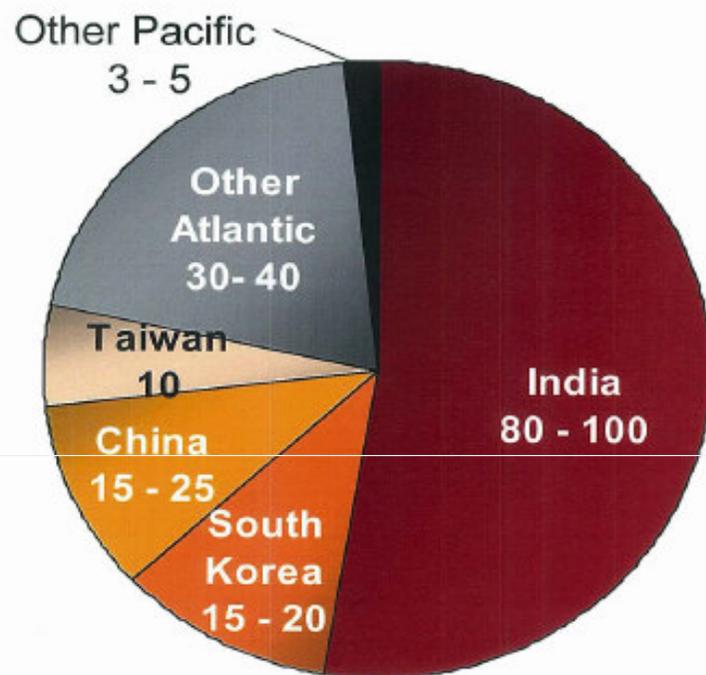
Rapid growth in coal use and imports is expected to be focussed in Asia



Global Seaborne Demand: Expected to Grow ~150 MTPA by 2013



Coal Import Growth 2008 - 2013 (Million Tonnes)



- 200 GW of new coal generation under construction
 - 700 MTPA of coal demand
- India to dominate growth in global coal imports
- Pacific demand growth >75% of total demand increases
- China imports to continue to grow over time

Sources: Barlow Jonker; Peabody Analysis.

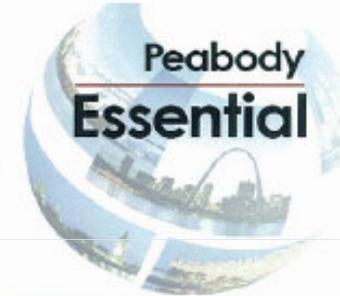
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China Continues to Reduce Exports While India Increases Imports



China and India Represent Nearly Half of Global Coal Demand



- China: already 22 MT net importer in 2009
- Massive small mine closure under way
- Major questions re: met supply
- Using others' resources first

- India is the world's fastest-growing coal importer
- Domestic production to be significantly short of demand
- Reports that nation may be 100 to 200 MTPA short within five years

Source: International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2008; industry reports.

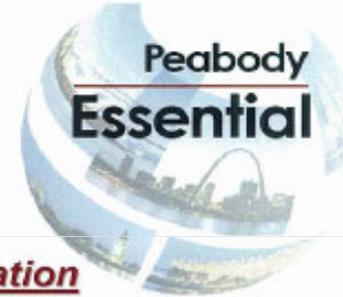
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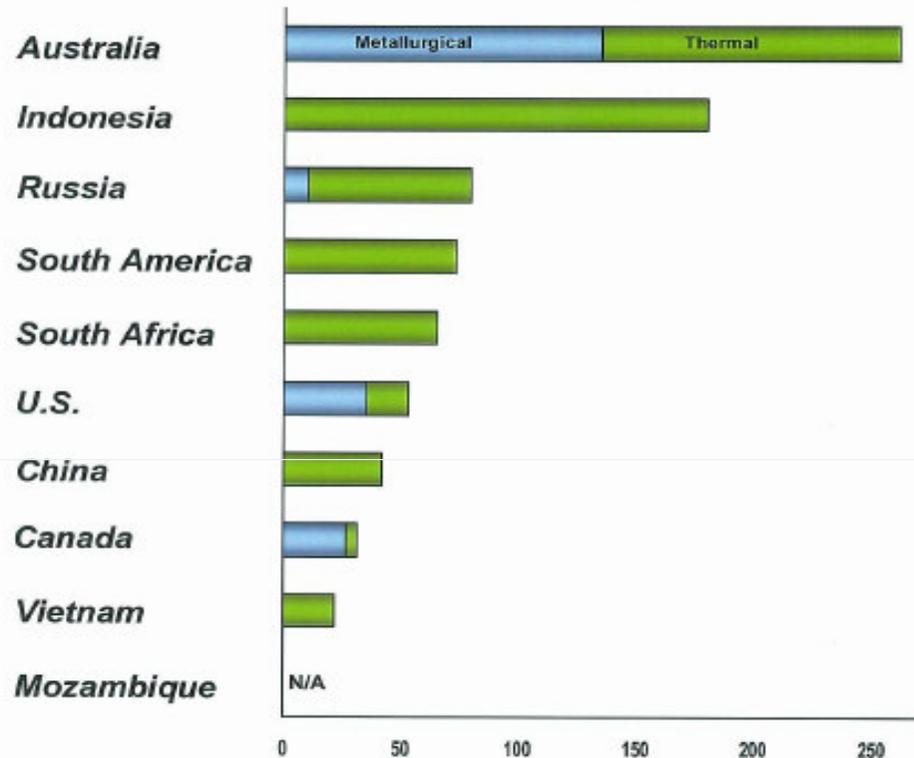
Australia a relatively small coal consumer, but #1 exporter; has resources & advantages to stay #1



Global Seaborne Supply: Australia and Asia Lead the World



**2008 Total Exports
(Million Tonnes)**



5-Year Expectation

- Australia to fuel 80% of global seaborne supply growth
 - >100 MTPA
- Indonesia and Russia to remain stable / low-growth
- China exports to continue to decline

Sources: Barlow Jonker; Peabody Analysis.

Short and medium term outlook



Demand – Cyclical slowdown, but structural uptrend

- Demand for thermal coal remains strong and demand for metallurgical coal recovering
- China currently importing much larger tonnages of Australian thermal coal, India following

Supply – Constrained by infrastructure, general trend to higher production costs, slower and more difficult mine development, “red tape and green tape”

- Port and rail inadequacies continue to constrain exports from Australia and elsewhere
- Major Asian power utilities and steel mills look to Australia as a reliable, long-term supplier of high quality coals

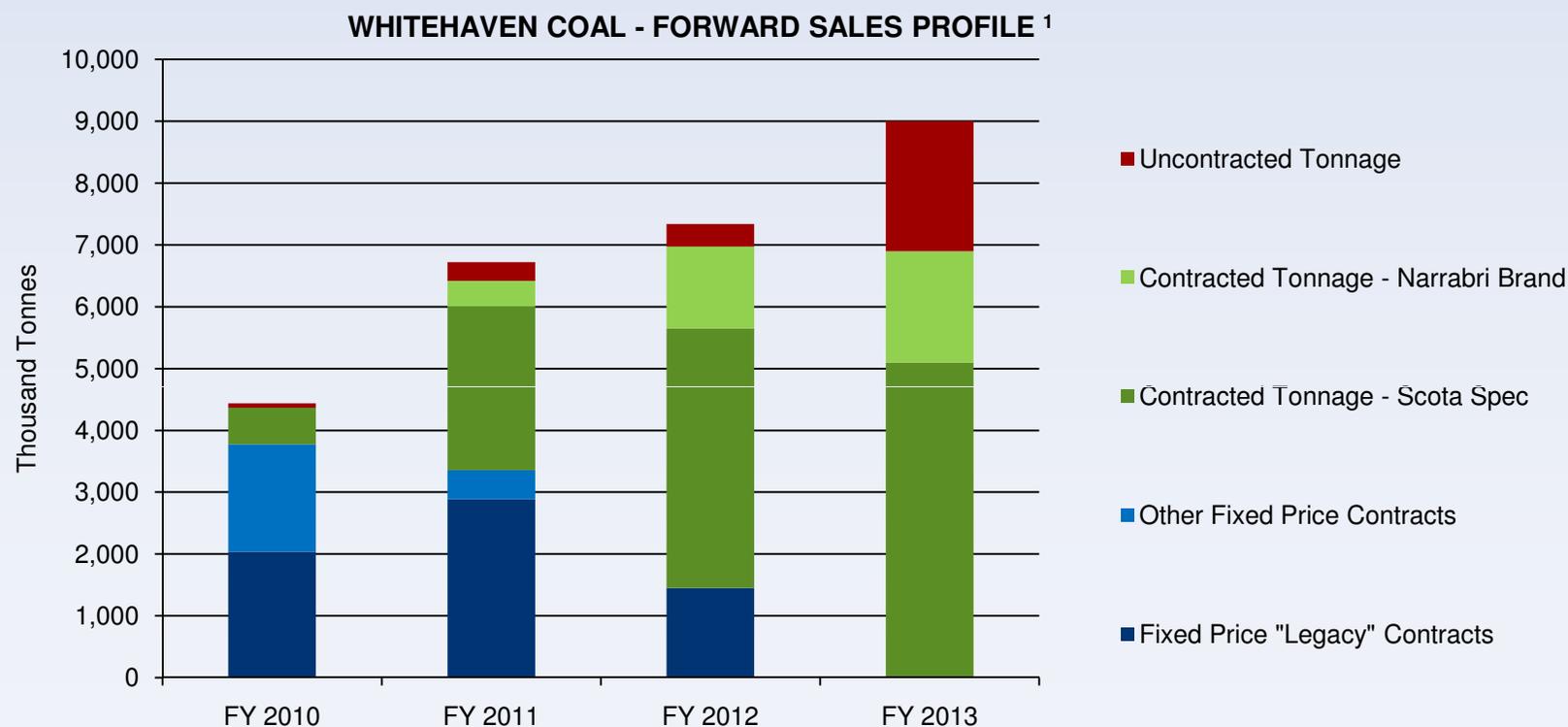
Coal Prices

- Contract price for 2009 HCC around US\$128/t FOB, around US\$80/t for SSCC/PCI
- Spot market for thermal coal ~US\$72/t, most contracts settled around US\$70/t FOB
- Forward coal prices are stronger, ~US\$77/t for Cal 2010 and ~US\$87/t for Cal 2011

Whitehaven's response



- ▶ Advantages of high quality coal & flexibility in production from existing OC mines
- ▶ Our forward coal sales contracts support WHC's growth profile
- ▶ Our matrix of coal sales contracts & commitments minimises production and infrastructure risks
- ▶ A\$ forward currency contracts support fixed US\$ revenue



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Fixed price contract status



- ▶ “Legacy” thermal coal contracts of 6.85 Mt remain over next 3 years, average price US\$69.25/t
- ▶ Otherwise, US\$ coal prices are currently only fixed for the short term
- ▶ Approximately 96% of FY 2010 fixed price sales are covered by FX contracts at ~0.74 A\$/US\$
- ▶ Approximately 53% of FY 2011 and FY 2012 fixed price contracts are covered by FX contracts at ~0.785 A\$/US\$

	FY 2010		FY 2011		FY 2012		TOTAL	
	000 t	US\$/t	000 t	US\$/t	000 t	US\$/t	000 t	US\$/t
Legacy Contracts	2,038	67.02	3,359	68.79	1,454	73.42	6,850	69.25
Other Fixed Price Contracts	2,137	82.50	-	-	-	-	2,137	82.50
Total Fixed Price Contracts	4,175	74.94	3,359	68.79	1,454	73.42	8,987	72.40

Near and medium term objectives

- ▶ Grow earnings and dividends per share, maintain financial stability and create shareholder value
- ▶ Continue to manage existing OC operations efficiently
- ▶ Deliver Narrabri on time and budget
- ▶ Active exploration within Gunnedah lease/EL areas to further increase coal resources and reserves
- ▶ Look for sensible acquisitions and 'bolt-on' developments
- ▶ Industry consolidation will continue and Whitehaven will play its part



Whitehaven Coal Limited

Delivering Growth

FY 2009 Results

August 25th 2009

