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**WHITEHAVEN COAL LIMITED (ASX:WHC)**

**Issue of listed Ordinary Shares and Unlisted Options**

Please find attached an Appendix 3B in relation to the issue of the following securities:

- Issue of 9,150,300 Ordinary shares in Whitehaven Coal Limited following the exercise of 2 unlisted options.
- 3,000,000 Unlisted 22 October 2012 \$2.50 Cent Share Options being issued to the CEO in accordance with the terms of his employment contract. The options will vest as follows – 1,000,000 on each of 22/10/08, 22/10/09 and 22/10/10. If employment is terminated within three years of commencement, any options that have not been vested will be forfeited.

For and on behalf of the Board

Leigh Whitton  
Company Secretary

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## Appendix 3B

### New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

*Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.*

Introduced 1/7/96. Origin: Appendix 5. Amended 1/7/98, 1/9/99, 1/7/2000, 30/9/2001, 11/3/2002, 1/1/2003, 24/10/2005.

Name of entity

Whitehaven Coal Limited

ABN

68 124 425 396

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

#### Part 1 - All issues

*You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).*

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|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | +Class of +securities issued or to be issued                                                                                                                                                                                                 | a) Ordinary shares and<br>b) Unlisted 22/10/12 \$2.50 Options                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 2 | Number of +securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued                                                                                                                                                | a) 9,150,300 Ordinary shares<br>b) 3,000,000 Unlisted 22/10/12 \$2.50 Options                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3 | Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | a) Fully paid Ordinary shares and<br>b) 3,000,000 Unlisted 22 October 2012 \$2.50 Cent Share Options being issued to the CEO in accordance with the terms of his employment contract. The options will vest as follows – 1,000,000 on each of 22/10/08, 22/10/09 and 22/10/10. If employment is terminated within three years of commencement, any options that have not been vested will be forfeited. |

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4	<p>Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?</p> <p>If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date from which they do</li> <li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li> <li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li> </ul>	<p>Yes for the ordinary shares (WHC) No for the unlisted options</p>					
5	Issue price or consideration	<p>a) \$1.00 per share b) \$nil</p>					
6	Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets)	<p>a) Issue of 9,150,300 ordinary shares in Whitehaven Coal Limited following the exercise of 2 unlisted options b) Issue to CEO in accordance with employment contract.</p>					
7	Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates	24 March 2008					
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Number</th> <th>+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>391,851,787</td> <td>Ordinary shares (WHC)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	391,851,787	Ordinary shares (WHC)	
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9	Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the securities in clause 2 if applicable)	Number	+Class
		8 (exercisable over a maximum of 29,881,014 Ordinary Shares)	\$1 Options
		Executive Options (exercisable over a maximum of 3,200,000 Ordinary Shares) as follows	
		66,666	30/6/08 \$1.00 options
		66,666	30/6/09 \$1.00 options
		66,668	30/6/10 \$1.00 options
		3,000,000	22/10/12 \$2.50 options
10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Not applicable	

## Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	
13	Ratio in which the +securities will be offered	
14	+Class of +securities to which the offer relates	
15	+Record date to determine entitlements	
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	

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18	<p>Names of countries in which the entity has +security holders who will not be sent new issue documents</p> <p><small>Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.</small></p> <p><small>Cross reference: rule 7.7.</small></p>	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	
20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	

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- 30 How do +security holders sell their entitlements *in full* through a broker?
- 31 How do +security holders sell *part* of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?
- 32 How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?
- 33 +Despatch date

### Part 3 - Quotation of securities

*You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities*

- 34 Type of securities  
(tick one)
- (a)  Securities described in Part 1
- (b)  All other securities  
Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

### Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

#### Additional securities forming a new class of securities

*Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents*

- 35  If the +securities are +equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional +securities, and the number and percentage of additional +securities held by those holders
- 36  If the +securities are +equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional +securities setting out the number of holders in the categories  
1 - 1,000  
1,001 - 5,000  
5,001 - 10,000  
10,001 - 100,000  
100,001 and over
- 37  A copy of any trust deed for the additional +securities

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Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38	Number of securities for which +quotation is sought	9,150,300				
39	Class of +securities for which quotation is sought	Ordinary Shares (WHC)				
40	Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?  If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the date from which they do</li> <li>• the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment</li> <li>• the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment</li> </ul>	Yes – Ordinary Shares (WHC)				
41	Reason for request for quotation now  Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period  (if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)	Exercise of 2 unlisted options each over 4,575,150 ordinary shares				
42	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the securities in clause 38)	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">Number</th> <th style="width: 50%;">+Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">391,851,787</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Ordinary shares (WHC)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Number	+Class	391,851,787	Ordinary shares (WHC)
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**Quotation agreement**

1 +Quotation of our additional +securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the +securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to ASX.

- The issue of the +securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
- An offer of the +securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.  
Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty
- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any +securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any +securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the +securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the +securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before +quotation of the +securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here: LEIGH WHITTON  
Company Secretary

Date 25 March 2008

Print name: Leigh Whitton.....

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