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### WHITEHAVEN SECURES ADDITIONAL PORT CAPACITY

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) today announced that it has secured an additional 8.4 million tonnes of port capacity at Newcastle over the period May 2012 to June 2016.

This additional port capacity provides support for Whitehaven's planned growth in export coal production up to approximately 15 Mtpa over the next five years.

The additional capacity covers the majority of planned growth in Whitehaven's coal exports during the period prior to the planned commissioning of the Port Waratah Coal Services Limited (PWCS) T4 facility, scheduled for late 2015.

Following commitment in August of the final stage of the NCIG port (of which Whitehaven owns 11%), Whitehaven has also nominated to PWCS for additional capacity entitlements and should be notified of the outcome of this nomination in December.

"This is a significant milestone in allowing Whitehaven to realise its planned growth," Whitehaven Managing Director Mr Tony Haggarty said.

"While details of the individual agreements are confidential, they help underpin our planned export growth through to 2015."

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