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WHITEHAVEN ENTERS INTO LONG TERM RAIL TRACK ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) today announced that it has entered into long term arrangements with Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC) for rail track access between the Company's mines and Newcastle Port.

These arrangements are structured to provide Whitehaven with the rail track capacity that it will require to match the Company's long term production and port capacity. They are based upon the Hunter Valley Rail Access Undertaking approved by the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission in June 2011 and operate on a rolling ten year term.

“Entry into these arrangements with ARTC represents a significant milestone for the Company, as they secure the long term rail track capacity required to support the Company’s significant growth plans in the Gunnedah Basin.” Whitehaven Managing Director Tony Haggarty said.

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