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MERGER WITH GLOUCESTER COAL – UPDATE ON TAKEOVERS PANEL PROCEEDINGS

Whitehaven Coal Limited (“Whitehaven”) advises that Whitehaven yesterday requested a review of the Takeovers Panel (“Panel”) declaration of unacceptable circumstances made by the Panel in response to the application dated 27 February 2009 from Noble Group Limited in relation to the proposed merger of Whitehaven and Gloucester Coal Limited (“Gloucester”).

Whitehaven will keep shareholders informed as to further developments with the Panel proceedings and the proposed merger with Gloucester.

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