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APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Whitehaven Coal is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Rob Stewart as Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Stewart joins Whitehaven Coal on 22 October 2007 and will report to the company's Managing Director, Mr Keith Ross.

Mr Stewart most recently held the position of Executive Manager Mining at Thiess Pty Limited, where he had held a number of senior positions since 1997. He has a Bachelor of Engineering (hons) – civil engineering from Monash University (1972) and a Masters of Engineering Science – mining engineering from the University of Melbourne (1975).

"We are extremely pleased to have a mining executive the calibre of Rob join the Whitehaven management team," Mr Ross said.

"This is an important period of growth for the company, requiring additional management resources and expertise. In particular, Rob brings to Whitehaven a long history of experience in coal mining and project management."

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Rob Stewart – CV

July 2006 to present	Thiess Pty Ltd Executive Manager Mining
February 2004 to June 2006	Thiess Pty Ltd General Manager NSW/ACT
April 1997 to January 2004	Thiess Pty Ltd Mining Manager NSW/ACT
January 1997 to March 1997	Thiess Pty Ltd Business Development Manager – NSW
January 1995 to January 1997	Roche Thiess Linfox Joint Venture General Manager
January 1993 to January 1995	Hazelwood Power Corporation General Manager Mining – Hazelwood Power Station
January 1990 to January 1993	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Mine Performance Manager – Morwell
January 1987 to January 1990	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Planning Superintendent – Morwell
January 1985 to December 1986	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Open Cut Design Engineer – Morwell
January 1983 to January 1985	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Construction Engineer – Morwell River Diversion Project
January 1981 to January 1983	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Structural and Civil Engineer – Loy Yang Project
January 1977 to January 1981	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Contracts Engineer – Loy Yang Project
January 1975 to January 1977	State Electricity Commission of Victoria Engineer