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FIRST TRAIN LOADED AT NARRABRI MINE

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) is pleased to announce that its Narrabri Joint Venture in north-west New South Wales has loaded the first train of coal produced at the mine.

The mine began producing coal late last month.

When in full production, the Narrabri Mine is expected to produce approximately 6 million tonnes per annum (Mtpa) of low ash, high energy, low sulphur thermal and PCI coal for the export market.

Initial production using continuous miners will be 0.5 - 0.7Mtpa.

“This is a significant milestone for the Narrabri Joint Venture and all of the employees and contractors who have been part of its development. It marks the transition of the Narrabri Mine from the development to the operational phase” Whitehaven Managing Director Mr Tony Haggarty said.

About Narrabri Coal

The Narrabri Joint Venture is situated 28km south of Narrabri in north-west New South Wales.

Stage Two of the Narrabri Joint Venture involves the production of an additional 5.3 million tonnes per year from longwall mining.

More than 120 people were employed during the mine’s construction phase and more than 25 contracting businesses were involved in the development. Full time employment is expected to rise to 208 as the mine moves into full production.

The Narrabri Joint Venture’s ownership structure is:

Whitehaven (operator)	70.0%
Electric Power Development Co. Ltd	7.5%
EDF Trading	7.5%
Upper Horn Investments Limited	7.5%
Daewoo International Corporation and Korea Resources Corporation	7.5%

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