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FORMAL PROCESS CONCLUDED

On 29 October 2010, following numerous informal approaches to the company over several months, Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) announced that it was commencing a formal process to enable selected interested parties to conduct due diligence and submit proposals for a potential corporate transaction with the company.

On 7 February, Whitehaven advised that it had received a number of non-binding indicative proposals and a selected short-list of parties had been invited to complete detailed due diligence and submit binding proposals.

On 13 April, Whitehaven advised that the formal process was reaching a conclusion with shortlisted parties having completed due diligence and submitted formal proposals.

Following further negotiation of these proposals, the Whitehaven Board has now determined that no proposal is sufficiently attractive to warrant recommendation to shareholders.

The process has therefore been terminated.

With the conclusion of this process, the Whitehaven Board and management will continue to focus on developing the company's existing high quality coal assets and seeking new growth opportunities.

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