

## ASX RELEASE

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### WEATHER IMPACT ON MINING OPERATIONS – UPDATE

As a result of the recent persistent rainfall throughout the Gunnedah Basin, Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) provides the following update:

#### **Open cut operations**

Mining operations have recommenced at all Whitehaven's open cut mines - Werris Creek, Tarrawonga, Sunnyside and Rocglen.

Coal production is currently underway at Werris Creek and Tarrawonga albeit at a reduced rate while pit water issues are being addressed. Coal production will resume at Sunnyside and Rocglen in the next few days.

Coal haulage operations to the Gunnedah washplant and rail loadout are expected to recommence by the end of the week pending completion of road repairs and Council approval to re-open the Bluevale Road in Gunnedah.

#### **Narrabri**

The Narrabri mine is operating as normal.

A further update will be provided as soon as more information becomes available.

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