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CHANGES TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX: WHC) today announces changes to the Company's Board of Directors.

Rick Gazzard has resigned as a Director of Whitehaven. Rick joined the Whitehaven Board in May 2012 at the time of the merger with Aston Resources. Whitehaven has benefitted from Rick's extensive operating experience over the last three years as Narrabri increased production and the Maules Creek project was constructed.

Joining the Board as a new independent non-executive Director is Julie Beeby.

Julie has extensive experience in the coal industry having worked in senior roles at both Peabody Energy and BHP Biliton. Julie was most recently CEO of Westside Corporation, a coal seam gas producer in Queensland.

Whitehaven Chairman Mark Vaile said: "The Board would like to thank Rick for his significant contribution to the Company during the three years he has served as a Director and wish him well in his retirement. During the time Rick has served on the Board, Whitehaven has achieved significant milestones in which Rick made a strong contribution at Board level. From the increase of production at our Narrabri underground operation to the development of our world-class Maules Creek asset. Rick has contributed to the success of these projects.

"We are delighted to welcome Julie Beeby to the Board as an independent non-executive Director. Julie has enjoyed a strong career in the coal industry and we believe she will add significant skills and insight as Whitehaven continues on our path towards becoming Australia's leading independent coal company."

Dr Julie Beeby

BSc (Hons I), PhD (Physical Chemistry), MBA, FAICD

Julie has more than 25 year's experience in the minerals and petroleum industries in Australia including major Australian and US resources companies and as Chief Executive Officer of WestSide Corporation, an ASX-listed, Queensland-based coal seam gas company. Julie has technical, operations and strategy expertise and has held senior and executive positions in coal mining, mining services and coal seam gas after commencing her career in coal and mineral processing research.

Julie is currently the Chairman of the Board of the Queensland Electricity Corporation Limited, Powerlink, and has previously held non-executive director positions on the Boards of Gloucester Coal Limited, Forge Group Limited, CRC Mining, Queensland Resources Council and Australian Coal Research.

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