Rule 2.7, 3.10.3, 3.10.4, 3.10.5

# **Appendix 3B**

# New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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Name of entity
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Whitehaven Coal Limited

ABN

68 124 423 396

We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

#### Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

1 +Class of +securities issued or to be issued Unlisted Options - Expired

Performance Share Rights - Lapsed

Number of \*securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued 8,619,278 Unlisted Options – Expired

523,453 2013 Performance Share Rights with a vesting date of 30 June 2015 – Lapsed

<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

Principal terms of the \*securities (e.g. if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid \*securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if \*convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

8,619,278 Unlisted Options which were issued as consideration for the cancellation of options to purchase Aston Resources Limited shares. The key terms of the options were:

- (a) exercise price \$3.15
- (b) expiry date 17 August 2015

523,453 2013 Performance Share Rights with a vesting date of 30 June 2015 which were issued under the Equity Incentive Plan for executives and managers on the following terms:

- (a) the holder had a right to be issued Ordinary Shares vesting on 30 June 2015;
- (b) vesting was subject to the company achieving a specified total shareholder return and vesting was on a sliding scale proportionate to the total shareholder return;
- (c) rights expired on 30 June 2015 if they had not vested; and
- (d) the exercise price was nil.

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4 Do the +securities rank equally in No, however the shares issued on vesting of all respects from the +issue date the rights or exercise of the options would with an existing +class of quoted have ranked equally with the existing fully paid +securities? ordinary shares If the additional +securities do not rank equally, please state: the date from which they do the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment 5 Issue price or consideration Nil 6 Purpose of the issue N/A (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) 6a Is the entity an +eligible entity that N/A has obtained security holder approval under rule 7.1A? If Yes, complete sections 6b - 6h in relation to the +securities the subject of this Appendix 3B, and comply with section 6i 6b The date the security holder N/A resolution under rule 7.1A was passed Number of +securities issued 6c N/A without security holder approval under rule 7.1 Number of +securities issued with 6d N/A security holder approval under rule 7.1A

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6e	Number of *securities issued with security holder approval under rule 7.3, or another specific security holder approval (specify date of meeting)	N/A	
6f	Number of <sup>+</sup> securities issued under an exception in rule 7.2	N/A	
6g	If *securities issued under rule 7.1A, was issue price at least 75% of 15 day VWAP as calculated under rule 7.1A.3? Include the *issue date and both values. Include the source of the VWAP calculation.	N/A	
6h	If +securities were issued under rule 7.1A for non-cash consideration, state date on which valuation of consideration was released to ASX Market Announcements	N/A	
6i	Calculate the entity's remaining issue capacity under rule 7.1 and rule 7.1A – complete Annexure 1 and release to ASX Market Announcements	N/A	
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7	*Issue dates  Note: The issue date may be prescribed by ASX (refer to the definition of issue date in rule 19.12).  For example, the issue date for a pro rata entitlement issue must comply with the applicable timetable in Appendix 7A.  Cross reference: item 33 of Appendix 3B.	Unlisted Options – Expir Performance Share Rig 2015	red 17 August 2015 ghts – Lapsed 30 June
		Number	+Class
8	Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the +securities in section 2 if applicable)	1,026,045,885 <sup>1</sup>	Fully paid ordinary shares
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 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  The reported securities include 34,020,000 fully paid ordinary shares subject to restrictions on transfer and voting and which are not entitled to receive dividends.

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9 Number and \*class of all \*securities not quoted on ASX (*including* the \*securities in section 2 if applicable)

Number	+Class
8,241,278	Options (exercise
	price \$4.73 expiring
	17 August 2016)
12,354	Options (exercise
	price \$3.33 expiring
	10 November 2015)
385,456	2012 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 23
	September 2015
373,797	2012 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 23
	September 2016
1,048,202	2013 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 30
	June 2016
1,036,936	2013 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 30
	June 2017
1,225,363	2014 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 30
	June 2016
2,502,605	2014 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 30
	June 2017
1,072,533	2014 Performance
	Share Rights with a
	vesting date of 30
	June 2018

10 Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)

N/A			

## Part 2 - Pro rata issue

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11	Is security holder approval required?
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?
13	Ratio in which the *securities will be offered
14	<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities to which the offer relates
15	<sup>+</sup> Record date to determine entitlements
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions
18	Names of countries in which the entity has security holders who will not be sent new offer documents  Note: Security holders must be told how their contidements are to be dealt with
	entitlements are to be dealt with.  Cross reference: rule 7.7.
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations

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20	Names of any underwriters	
21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	
23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of security holders	
25	If the issue is contingent on security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and offer documents will be sent to persons entitled	
27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	
28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	
29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	
30	How do security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	
31	How do security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	

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32	their	do security holders dispose of entitlements (except by sale gh a broker)?
33	<sup>+</sup> Issue	e date
		Quotation of securities complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities
34	Type (tick o	of *securities one)
(a)		<sup>+</sup> Securities described in Part 1 (In respect of the Ordinary Shares only and not the Performance Share Rights)
(b)		All other <sup>+</sup> securities  Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities
Entiti	es tha	at have ticked box 34(a)
Addit	ional s	securities forming a new class of securities
Tick to docume		te you are providing the information or
35		If the *securities are *equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional *securities, and the number and percentage of additional *securities held by those holders
36		If the *securities are *equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional *securities setting out the number of holders in the categories 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000 5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over
37		A copy of any trust deed for the additional *securities

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Entitie	Entities that have ticked box 34(b)				
38	Number of *securities for which *quotation is sought				
39	<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities for which quotation is sought				
40	Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the *issue date with an existing *class of quoted *securities?  If the additional *securities do not rank equally, please state:  • the date from which they do  • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment  • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment				
41	Reason for request for quotation now  Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period  (if issued upon conversion of another *security, clearly identify that other *security)				
42	Number and <sup>+</sup> class of all <sup>+</sup> securities quoted on ASX ( <i>including</i> the <sup>+</sup> securities in clause 38)	Number	<sup>+</sup> Class		

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#### **Quotation agreement**

- <sup>+</sup>Quotation of our additional <sup>+</sup>securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the <sup>+</sup>securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
  - The issue of the \*securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
  - There is no reason why those +securities should not be granted +quotation.
  - An offer of the \*securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any \*securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any \*securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the \*securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the \*securities be quoted.
- We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document is not available now, we will give it to ASX before <sup>†</sup>quotation of the <sup>†</sup>securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

Date: 21 August 2015

Company secretary

Print name: Timothy Burt

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