

## ASX RELEASE

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### RESPONSE TO MEDIA SPECULATION

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) notes the report in the Australian Financial Review this morning relating to the company. Whitehaven wishes to advise that:

- Whitehaven routinely has discussions with other coal companies about possible business development opportunities, involving both asset transactions and corporate opportunities;
- Whitehaven has had such discussions at various times with Shenhua, because of the obvious potential synergies between the assets of each company in the Gunnedah Basin; and
- Whitehaven has had no proposals from Shenhua to sell its assets to Whitehaven, nor has there been any proposal from Shenhua to acquire Whitehaven.

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