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WHITEHAVEN ENTERS INTO RAIL HAULAGE CONTRACT

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) today announced that it has entered into a long term agreement for rail haulage services with Aurizon Operations Limited.

The agreement with Aurizon is for the haulage of up to 16 million tonnes per annum of export coal from Whitehaven's mines in the Gunnedah Basin. This capacity supplements Whitehaven's existing haulage arrangements and will be brought online progressively to meet the company's growth requirements.

"This new agreement with Aurizon provides us with both the scale and flexibility we require to ensure the best outcome for our existing mines and the new projects we have scheduled to bring into production," Whitehaven Managing Director Mr Tony Haggarty said.

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