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Update on Climate Change Related Reporting

Whitehaven Coal Limited (ASX:WHC) provides the following update to shareholders in relation to climate change related reporting.

Whitehaven acknowledges that climate change is an issue requiring coordinated international action and is committed to playing a role in reducing carbon emissions, from levels that may otherwise have eventuated, by promoting increased use of Whitehaven's high quality, low emissions coal.

The International Energy Agency's base case New Policies Scenario¹ predicts that coal demand globally will continue to increase until at least 2040 with coal demand in South East Asia, Whitehaven's major emerging market, forecast to more than double to 390 Mtce by 2040. This is roughly equivalent to Australia's total annual coal exports today.

A key driver of growing demand in South East Asia is the construction of High-Efficiency Low-Emission (HELE) power stations that use high quality, low ash, low sulphur coal, of the type produced by Whitehaven. These modern, efficient HELE power stations produce significantly lower emissions than conventional coal-fired power stations.

Countries in Asia, such as Japan, Korea and Taiwan, all major markets for Whitehaven, are building HELE power stations to supply growing demand for electricity. These new power stations are integral to their plans to meet their Paris Agreement targets.

The Company's disclosures on climate change related matters continue to evolve in line with industry trends and shareholder expectations. Whitehaven's 2018 Annual Report contains information about climate change and the role high quality coal, such as that produced by Whitehaven, is expected to play in a more carbon conscious future. Whitehaven is reviewing the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations for voluntary reporting on climate related financial risks with a view to incorporating these into the Company's reporting in 2019.

¹ The International Energy Agency (IEA) regularly makes projections about world coal demand based on various future scenarios for development. The 'New Policies Scenario' broadly serves as the IEA's baseline scenario in its World Energy Outlook 2017. Alternate scenarios include the 'Current Policies Scenario' (highest projected coal usage) and the 'Sustainable Development Scenario' (lowest projected coal usage). Further details are available at: <https://webstore.iea.org/>