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WITHDRAWAL OF GLOUCESTER COAL OFFERS

Whitehaven Coal Limited ("Whitehaven") notes the announcement on 22 May 2009 by Gloucester Coal Limited ("Gloucester") regarding the withdrawal of its takeover offers for all of the ordinary shares in Whitehaven contained its bidder's statement dated 30 April 2009. As the offers were subject to unfulfilled conditions, all acceptances of the offers are void. Accordingly, any Whitehaven shareholders that accepted their shares into the Gloucester offers will have their shares returned.

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