

FULL YEAR RESULTS FY24

22 August 2024

Solid financial results with benefits from transformational acquisition delivered in FY24

Whitehaven Coal (ASX:WHC) reports underlying earnings before interest, tax, depreciation & amortisation (**underlying EBITDA**) for the year ended 30 June 2024 of \$1.4 billion including a June-quarter EBITDA contribution of \$272 million from Daunia and Blackwater mines, following completion of the acquisition on 2 April 2024.

Whitehaven's underlying net profit after tax (**underlying NPAT**) of \$740 million for FY24 was before \$385 million of cost adjustments primarily in relation to acquisition expenses including stamp duty. Statutory NPAT for FY24 was \$355 million.

A fully franked **final dividend** of 13 cents per share will be paid on 17 September 2024, taking the full year dividend to 20 cents per share, fully franked.

Whitehaven's **FY24 results** include:

- A **30% improvement in safety performance** for Whitehaven's NSW operations as measured by a total recordable injury frequency rate (**TRIFR**) for employees and contractors of 3.3. The newly acquired QLD operations reported a TRIFR of 6.6 in the June quarter.
- **Zero environmental enforceable actions** for FY24.
- Run-of-mine (**ROM**) managed production volumes of **24.5M tonnes**, up from 18.2M tonnes in FY23, and equity sales of produced coal of 16.4M tonnes, up 26% on FY23.
- **Revenue of \$3.8 billion**, underpinned by an achieved average coal price of A\$217/t for NSW operations in FY24 and A\$271/t for QLD in the June quarter.
- **Cash generated from operations of \$1.3 billion.**

Whitehaven's **net debt** position at 30 June 2024 was **A\$1.3 billion**, after the upfront acquisition payment of US\$2.0 billion on 2 April 2024.

Whitehaven has today announced it has entered into binding agreements with Nippon Steel and JFE Steel for the sale of joint venture interests in the Blackwater mine of 20% and 10% respectively, for aggregate cash consideration of US\$1.08 billion. The transactions are expected to complete in the first quarter of calendar year 2025, subject to customary competition and regulatory approvals. *See Whitehaven's separate ASX Release dated 22 August 2024.*

Commenting on Whitehaven's FY24 results, Paul Flynn, CEO & Managing Director said:

"FY24 has been a pivotal year for Whitehaven as we are transforming the business through the acquisition of Daunia and Blackwater. The highly attractive acquisition has diversified Whitehaven and brings with it scale benefits and significant value upside for our shareholders.

"Today's announced US\$1.08 billion, 30% equity sell down in the Blackwater mine to two long-term customers, firmly validates the value of the acquisition and demand for Blackwater metallurgical coal.

"While we have been growing the business, we have maintained focus on the NSW operations to deliver a solid financial result for FY24. We delivered an overall underlying NPAT of \$740 million, before acquisition-related and other one-off costs, and declared a 13 cent final dividend for shareholders.

"The business is very well positioned to continue to deliver strong returns for shareholders from both the metallurgical and thermal coal businesses."

Outlook and FY25 Guidance

The forecast structural shortfall in global metallurgical coal production, particularly due to long-term production constraints of HCC from Australian producers, combined with increased seaborne demand from India, is anticipated to drive higher metallurgical coal prices over the near and long-term. Whitehaven's metallurgical coal portfolio will benefit from the supply constraints expected in both the near and longer-term.

While the relativities for PCI and SSCC to PLV HCC are below historical averages, LV PCI indices are currently improving relative to PLV HCC and overall favourable absolute prices are being realised.

Demand for high CV thermal coal remains robust in Whitehaven's mature and emerging markets in Asia to fuel HELE (high-efficiency, low-emissions) power generation and for use in general industry. The structural supply shortfall in seaborne high CV thermal coal continues to grow as a result of underinvestment in new supply and depletion of existing supply, which is supportive of medium and long-term high CV thermal prices.

FY25 Guidance and focus areas

Guidance for FY25, which is set out below, takes into account individual mine plans and operational priorities in Queensland to support efficient and sustainable production beyond FY25.

In the year ahead, the new Queensland operations will continue to be integrated and harmonised with Whitehaven's broader portfolio, including alignment of structure with Whitehaven's operating model. Cost management, optimising margins, and improving operational reliability remain key priorities to support delivery of FY25 guidance.

Whitehaven will continue to prudently manage capital, with proceeds from the announced sell down of Blackwater providing enhanced flexibility to allocate capital in line with Whitehaven's capital allocation framework.

		FY25 guidance ³
Managed ROM coal production	Mt	35.0 – 39.5
QLD operations		17.6 – 19.7
NSW operations		17.4 – 19.8
Managed coal sales¹	Mt	28.0 – 31.5
QLD operations		14.4 – 16.1
NSW operations		13.6 – 15.4
Equity coal sales¹	Mt	25.1 – 28.3
QLD operations		14.4 – 16.1
NSW operations		10.7 – 12.1
Unit cost of coal (excl. royalties)	\$/t	140 – 155
Capital Expenditure²	\$m	440 – 550

¹ Excludes sales of third party purchased coal

² Excludes deferred settlement payments for past acquisitions

³ Excludes the impact of the sell down of 30% interest in the Blackwater Mine

FY24 RESULTS AT A GLANCE

Group Financial Results (\$m)	FY24	FY23	% change		
Revenue	3,824	6,065	(37%)		
Underlying EBITDA¹	1,399	3,967	(65%)		
Transaction costs ¹	(434)	(4)			
Transition costs ¹	(125)	-			
Other ¹	(42)	-			
EBITDA	798	3,963	(80%)		
Depreciation & amortisation	(319)	(226)			
Net finance income	30	64			
Income tax expense	(154)	(1,133)			
Statutory NPAT	355	2,668	(87%)		
Significant items ¹	421	3			
Other adjustments to underlying finance income / expense ¹	(36)	(16)			
Underlying NPAT	740	2,655	(72%)		
Cash generated from operations	1,307	4,190	(69%)		
Net (debt) / cash at 30 June	(1,278)	2,652	-		
Unit cost per tonne (A\$/t) (excl. royalties)	120	103			
QLD Operations from 2 Apr-24 following acquisition completion	FY24				
Revenue (\$m)	869	-			
Underlying EBITDA ¹ (\$m)	272	-			
Average realised price (A\$/t)	271	-			
NSW Operations	FY24	FY23	% change		
Revenue (\$m)	2,850	5,705	(50%)		
Underlying EBITDA ¹ (\$m)	1,158	3,988	(71%)		
Average realised price (A\$/t)	217	445	(51%)		
Whitehaven Managed Production & Sales (Tonnes '000)	FY24			FY23	% change
	QLD	NSW	Group	Group	
Managed ROM Coal Production	4,805	19,655	24,460	18,190	34%
Managed Saleable Coal Production	3,986	16,728	20,714	15,740	32%
Managed Sales of Produced Coal	3,206	16,316	19,522	15,990	22%
Total Managed Coal Sales	3,206	16,769	19,975	16,625	20%
Managed Coal Stocks at period end	1,564	1,111	2,675	1,534	74%
Consolidated Equity Production & Sales (Tonnes '000)	FY24			FY23	% change
	QLD	NSW	Group	Group	
Equity ROM Coal Production	4,805	15,732	20,537	14,620	40%
Equity Saleable Coal Production	3,986	13,492	17,478	12,769	37%
Equity Sales of Produced Coal	3,206	13,212	16,417	13,005	26%
Total Equity Coal Sales			16,870 ²	13,640	24%
Equity Coal Stocks at period end	1,564	923	2,486	1,323	88%

1. Refer to Note 2.2 (a) of the Annual Financial Report for details of the reconciliation between underlying earnings and statutory results

2. Equity coal sales including third party purchases

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Investor and Analyst results briefing teleconference

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer Paul Flynn and CFO, Kevin Ball, will present an overview of the FY24 Results, followed by a sell-side analyst Q&A session.

Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024

Time: 10:30 AEST (Sydney time)

To listen live to the results presentation and Q&A webcast / teleconference, participants can pre-register using the following link: <https://loghic.eventsair.com/733176/468527/Site/Register>

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