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Shenhua Watermark Draft Heritage Management Plan Consultation

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Shenhua Watermark Coal Pty Limited (SWC) received approval from the NSW Government and the Federal Government in 2015 to construct and operate an open cut coal mine (the Watermark Coal Mine) near Gunnedah, NSW.

SWC is required to prepare, gain approval for and implement a series of Environmental Management Plans (EMPs). The Heritage Management Plan (HMP) is one of this series of EMPs. The HMP has several objectives, including management of Aboriginal heritage within the approved mine area.

In accordance with the “Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation requirements for proponents 2010” (NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water, 2010), a meeting has been convened on 9 May 2019 with Registered Aboriginal Parties to enable them to provide comment and feedback on the draft Heritage Management Plan (HMP) for the Watermark Coal Mine.

SWC is fully committed to providing local Aboriginal people employment and commercial opportunities subject to the normal legislative requirements for a mine site. In the area of indigenous related projects the Company has previously provided over \$500,000 through the Watermark Coal Project Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Community Fund.

Consultation for the HMP is also in the process of being undertaken with European heritage stakeholders and the NSW Department of Environment and Heritage.