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**Foreign Investment Approval for Land Acquisition by
Shenhua Watermark Coal Pty Limited**

The Company has received approval from the Treasurer for the purchase of six properties in the area of the Watermark Exploration Licence.

Project Director for the Watermark Project, Mr Joe Clayton, believes this approval will benefit the landholders who are ready to sell.

"It is pleasing for the landholders we have been dealing with, and the project, that the Treasurer's approval has been granted," said Mr Clayton.

"Land acquisition is obviously an important and necessary part of the mining industry and the Company has sought to engage with the relevant landholders at the earliest opportunity"

"There was some concern among the landholders with whom we are in negotiation that approval might not be granted so early in the project" continued Mr Clayton.

"Receiving this approval means we can continue with our approach to purchase land in the licence area 'up-front', an approach which has been well-received by many landholders."

"This approach gives landholders a choice so they are not living with uncertainty throughout the exploration and approval phase, which could take up to 3 years."

This approval follows the Commonwealth approval granted late last year for the Shenhua Group to acquire the Watermark Exploration Licence and thereby embark on its new business of exploration and coal mining in Australia.

Footnote:

Shenhua Watermark Coal Pty Limited will not be mining on the 'black soil' area within the Watermark Exploration Lease.

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