

WESCOAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
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(“Wescoal”)

Response to Sunday World article dated 13 February 2022

Wescoal has noted an article published in the business section of Sunday World on 13 February 2022, which article makes several claims and allegations involving Arnot Opco (Pty) Ltd (“Arnot Opco”), key executives and employees. Wescoal, through its mining division, holds an indirect interest of 50% in Arnot Opco.

The alleged matter relating to mismanagement at Arnot Opco is currently under investigation, and until such time the investigation is concluded, Wescoal will not be making any further media statements on this matter.

Wescoal has invested a significant amount into the re-establishment of the Arnot mine. As a listed entity, Wescoal is committed to the strictest principles of good governance and holds Arnot Opco to the same standards. Any breach of these principles and standards is taken very seriously.

The acquisition of Arnot mine was heralded as ‘one-of-its-kind’ by the mining community at large, including regulatory authorities. The current management and operational teams have achieved a significant milestone of successfully re-commissioning the mine with the first coal delivery via conveyor belts into the Arnot power station being imminent.

Wescoal remains committed to the re-establishment of the Arnot mine and ensuring that the mine meets its obligations to supply coal into the Arnot power station as contemplated in the ten-year coal supply agreement awarded by Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd (“Eskom”) in August 2021. Key stakeholders and the media will be invited in due course to witness the momentous supply of coal to Eskom’s Arnot power station through a conveyor belt.

The success of Arnot will be a positive example of what a public and private company, employees and the community can achieve through collaboration.

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