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Statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact

On behalf of the World Coal Association (WCA), I am pleased to reaffirm our commitment to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to the areas of human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

The WCA is a global industry association formed of major international coal producers and stakeholders. Through our work and activities, we provide leadership for the global coal industry in promoting action on the deployment of low emission coal technologies to combat climate change and supporting sustainable development.

In May 2017, we pledged to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact, and since then, we have taken concrete steps to advance the ten principles by making them an integral part of our culture and aligning our strategy. We have submitted updated Communication on Engagement (COE) in 2019 and 2021, reflecting our ongoing commitment to the mission and objectives of the UN Global Compact.

This 2023 Communication on Engagement provides a more detailed account of our continued support for the UN Global Compact. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders through our primary communication channels and welcome feedback on its contents.

Yours sincerely



Michelle Manook

Chief Executive

About the World Coal Association

The World Coal Association (WCA) is the global voice for coal committed to advancing clean coal for sustainable economic development.

The WCA is the global network for the coal industry. Our membership is open to companies and not-for-profit organisations with a stake in the future of coal from anywhere in the world, with member companies represented at Chief Executive or Chairman level.

WCA represents members who are progressive and committed to playing an active, constructive role in meeting the global challenges we face. This commitment to progress is evident in our work programme, which covers a range of issues encompassing climate change, health and safety in mining, low emission coal technologies, environmental protection, and other major issues, such as community engagement and social development.

In addition, we work to widen the understanding of coal's contribution to addressing energy poverty, ensuring energy access, and enabling the development of sustainable societies.

WCA is committed to advancing the ten principles of the UNGC and supporting broader societal goals, such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), emphasising collaboration and innovation.

The actions below outline WCA's key activities since May 2021 to implement the UNGC principles in our policies and across our organisation.

Engaging and supporting Members and other coal stakeholders on environmental principles

WCA is the only body that represents the coal industry at the global level, bringing together stakeholders to help the industry respond to the challenges it faces, encouraging innovation and supporting members to be industry leaders. Our international stature is derived through observer status with UN bodies and partnerships with a range of international organisations.

KNOWLEDGE, BEST PRACTICE, AND INNOVATION GLOBALLY

WCA's work has raised awareness of the importance of deploying low-emission technologies, including high-efficiency low-emission (HELE) technologies and carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS). Utilising these technologies in coal-dependent economies will be essential to ensuring the environmental principles of the UN Global Compact.

WCA has worked specifically with countries that have outlined a role for coal in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement, supporting them in deploying low-emission coal technologies as a critical facet of meeting their individual climate goals.

WCA's efforts in these areas have focussed on highlighting best practices within the industry and undertaking research. Our work has included conducting and commissioning research on low-emission coal technologies in key coal regions, concentrating on wider technology deployment's environmental and societal benefits, and targeted meetings with governments.

WORLD COAL ASSOCIATION AND ASEAN CENTRE FOR ENERGY (ACE) COLLABORATE TO PROMOTE COAL'S RELEVANCE IN GLOBAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION

We are working with the ACE under the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation (APAEC) Phase II: 2021-2025, where Coal and Clean Coal Technology (CCT) is one of the programme areas, focusing on energy transition and energy resiliency. We are supporting ASEAN on their key strategy 'To optimise the role of CCT in facilitating the transition towards sustainable and lower emission development'.

Together, we are informing key stakeholders on the importance of clean coal deployment, a sustainable regional coal market, and how economic and development goals can be achieved through technology, innovation, and collaboration.

In September 2021, WCA launched a new report, "CLEAN COAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE ASEAN" in collaboration with the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE). This report provides a comprehensive analysis of the energy security and sustainable development opportunities which clean coal technologies can facilitate in the transition towards sustainable and lower emission development. In April 2023, the WCA completed research on upgrading coal plants to state-of-the-art technology and assess the CO₂ savings and their cost implications. At the time of preparing this document the report was in a final draft stage.

New Members Join the World Coal Association

WCA welcomed and collaborated with many new members to drive positive change and sustainable development within the global coal industry. Adding these innovative companies to our membership has enabled us to broaden our expertise and increase our reach across the industry.

- In November 2022, the World Coal Association (WCA) welcomed one of the world's largest coal producers, **Coal India Limited**, as a new member committed to a responsible, modernised, and future-focused coal industry.
- In December 2022, World Coal Enrols New Australian Future Coal Participant, Brisbane-based **Bowen Coking Coal Limited (BCC)**.
- As of May 2023, the WCA has welcomed a new wave of members, which includes Bowen Coking Coal Limited (BCC) based in Australia, **Thungela** (a South African company that owns demerged Anglo-American assets), **Seriti** (a South African company that owns former South 32 assets), **Menar** (a South African private investment company), **Gainwell Engineering** (an Indian and Australian technology provider), **Tavan Tolgoi** (Mongolia's largest metallurgical coal supplier), and Coal India (the world's largest coal supplier).

RECOGNITIONS

In November 2022, WCA CEO Michelle Manook was recognised as one of the world's 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining (WIM100).

Michelle has been recognised for leading the World Coal Association and communicating the essential role coal plays in economic and social progress for billions of people. Since becoming CEO, she has sought to raise the conversation about coal and help industry participants understand the need to work together to reach the global community's development and decarbonisation goals.

Stakeholder engagement, partnerships, learning events and workshops

Over the past two years, the WCA has undertaken activities and been involved in several collaborative initiatives with several organisations to promote the UNGC principles and, more broadly, the UN SDGs in different regions worldwide.

Our work has highlighted the need to integrate sustainable development with the aims of environmental imperatives and energy security. Engaging with partners and leading organisations to deliver successful outcomes and maximise the contribution to the advancement of the UNGC principles, WCA has coordinated work across these areas with a series of key international stakeholders and partner organisations, which includes:

- ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE): Our relationship with the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) has been a critical part of our commitment to sustainability.
- In May 2021, WCA participated in the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC) IV International Conference "Risk Management in Energy-2021". WCA specifically focused on the role of coal-fired generation and clean coal technologies in transitioning to a low-carbon development path. In addition, we emphasised the importance of adopting sustainable practices and technologies in the coal industry to reduce emissions and mitigate climate change impacts.
- In July 2021, WCA delivered an address at the "Coal Industry Day South Africa" event, where we emphasised the importance of changing the narrative about coal towards one that prioritises sustainability. In addition, we discussed the need to balance economic development and sustainability goals, highlighting that coal will continue to play a critical role in the global energy mix for decades to come.
- In January 2022, WCA participated in TATA Steel's event on the "Future of Coal in an Era of Decarbonisation." During this event, we engaged in discussions regarding the importance of balancing development and decarbonisation goals as we work towards a sustainable future.
- In March 2022, WCA organised a Workshop on CCT and CCUS Financing Towards Carbon Neutrality - Clean Coal Technology in ASEAN: Balancing Equity, Security, and Sustainability. During the workshop, we emphasised the need for international finance and investment communities to provide diverse and adequate financial support for clean coal projects. We believe that clean coal technology is essential to the transition to carbon neutrality and can contribute to achieving a balance between equity, security, and sustainability.

Engaging and supporting our members and other coal stakeholders on broader Global Compact-related issues

WCA has clear, positive statements on climate change, sustainable mining, energy access and sustainable development, alongside a commitment to safety, all of which are available on the WCA website.

WCA also publishes case studies, produced in collaboration with members and utilising their expertise on best practices within the industry, covering issues including mine reclamation, water management, safety and technology innovation.

The role of coal over the coming decades will be influenced by environmental considerations and its ability to support social and economic development, particularly related to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Commitment to progress and furthering the UNGC principles is evident in WCA's Sustainable Development Goals work programme, which covers a range of issues impacting the global coal industry.

Over the past two years, the WCA has continued an exercise to map the role of coal to the SDGs. This has involved exploring the contribution of coal across all the SDGs, gaining a better understanding of the impacts, and considering where there are opportunities for greater contributions from the industry to effectively support the achievement of the Goals.

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