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## AMEC APPOINTED TO COMPLETE BANKABLE FEASIBILITY STUDY (BFS) FOR KANGALA MINE

Following the successful raising and listing on the ASX under the code UNV, the Board of Directors of Universal Coal plc ("Universal Coal") is pleased to provide an update on the Kangala project and its other Thermal coal projects in the Witbank coalfield of South Africa:

- **AMEC has been contracted to complete a Bankable Feasibility Study for the development of the 3Mt per year Kangala mine due to start ROM production in H1 2011. At Kangala, a resource drilling programme has been completed at the Modderfontein portion and a resource upgrade is expected in Q1 2011.**
- **At the Roodekop thermal export coal project a New Order Mining Right application has been lodged with the Department of Mineral Resources;**
- **The final phase of infill drilling over the open pit area has commenced at Roodekop to allow detailed mine planning to be undertaken as part of the feasibility study;**

In addition to the above project developments, Universal Coal also has various prospecting licences under application and is also assessing a number of contiguous coal opportunities in South Africa. These properties have the potential to be developed as low cost operations under the same guiding principle as the current project portfolio.

The Company has not entered into any agreements with any parties with regards to the acquisition of any property and cannot guarantee if or when an acquisition may occur. Any acquisitions or agreements would be announced to the ASX as part of the Company's continuous disclosure obligations.

### **Corporate**

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<b>ASX Code</b>	UNV
<b>Shares on Issue</b>	197.2m
<b>Cash at hand</b>	\$20.4m
<b>Share Price</b>	29.5c
<b>Market Cap</b>	<b>\$58.2m</b>
<b>Options on Issue</b>	18.5m

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### **About Universal Coal plc**

Universal Coal is a South African focussed coal company holding interests in three thermal coal projects of between 25% and 70.5%, which currently contain over 300Mt of JORC-compliant resources.

The Company is aiming to achieve first coal production from the Kangala Coal Project in 2011, ramping up to full production by the first quarter of 2012, subject to various regulatory approvals.

Development of the Kangala Project is located in the Witbank coalfield in South Africa, which supplies more than 50% of South Africa's saleable export and domestic coal.

The development of the Kangala Project is planned to be followed by the development of the Roodekop Project and Brakfontein Project subject to positive feasibility studies, financing and other regulatory approvals, with both projects being planned with the object of maximising their export coal potential.

In addition to the thermal coal projects, the Company has an earn-in agreement over two coking coal projects (Berenice and Somerville) that together contain 396Mt of JORC compliant Inferred resources.

The Company has an experienced team of directors, senior managers and geoscientists with extensive expertise in both coal exploration and mining in South Africa and who have a proven track record of project development.

### **About AMEC**

Universal Coal has appointed AMEC Minproc to undertake the definite feasibility study of the Kangala Coal Mine. AMEC Minproc is a leading international engineering and project delivery business specialising in the design, procurement and construction of mineral resources projects which has successfully completed more than 400 major feasibility studies and over 240 major design and construction projects in more than 39 countries.