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Universal Coal PLC**TRADING HALT**

The securities of Universal Coal PLC (the "Company") will be placed in Trading Halt Session State at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in Trading Halt Session State until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Wednesday 25 January 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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