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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 Tuesday, 10 April 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: UNV

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By e-lodgement

TRADING HALT REQUEST

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1, the directors of Universal Coal Plc (ASX: UNV) request a trading halt in the securities of the Company effective immediately, pending the release of an announcement regarding a strategic funding arrangement and operational update.

The Company requests that the trading halt last until the earlier of the Company releasing the announcement, or until the commencement of trade on Tuesday 10 April 2012.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

For further information please contact the Company directly on +61 8 6267 0210.

For and on behalf of the Board

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