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Appointment of Company Secretary

Universal Coal plc (ASX: UNV) ("Universal") advises that Emma Lawler has been appointed Joint Company Secretary effective 1 July 2012, upon the resignation of Dan Robinson as Joint Company Secretary.

Emma has over 12 years experience as a company secretary in the private and public sectors. Previously, Emma was a Company Secretary at Westpac Banking Corporation where she was responsible for the day-to-day management of all corporate governance and company secretarial matters within the Westpac Group. At Westpac, Emma also managed a regulatory affairs, risk and compliance team in BT Financial Group. Prior to Westpac, Emma consulted in company secretarial practice to a variety of private companies. Prior to working as a company secretary in the private sector, Emma had a number of years experience in the public sector in company secretarial and policy roles, including as Company Secretary for the former State Rail Authority.

Emma will be bringing her experience to Universal with the next phase of growth going from an explorer to producer and the Board looks forward to her joining the company.

The Company would like to thank Dan Robinson for his service to the company.

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