



MARKET RELEASE

4 December 2012

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 Thursday, 6 December 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code: UNV

Simon Daniels
Adviser, Listings (Sydney)

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4th December 2012



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Mr Simon Daniels
Advisor, Listings
ASX
20 Bridge Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Simon

Re: Universal Coal plc (ASX: UNV) - Trading Halt Request

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, Universal Coal plc ("Universal" or "Company") requests that a trading halt be implemented in respect of all the Company's securities quoted on the ASX, pending an announcement from the Company in relation to a proposed private placement.

The following information is provided in relation to this request:

1. Universal expects the trading halt to last until an announcement is made which we expect to occur before the commencement of trading on Wednesday 5th December 2012
2. Universal is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
3. Universal is not aware of any other relevant information in relation to this request.

Yours faithfully,

Emma Lawler
Company Secretary

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Australian Securities Exchange
(Share code: UNV)

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