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ROODEKOP MINING RIGHT GRANTED

The Board of Directors of Universal Coal plc (“Universal Coal” or “The Company”) is pleased to announce that it has been granted a Mining Right over the Company’s 74%-owned Roodekop export thermal coal project by the Department of Mineral Resources.

The regulatory applications required to obtain the necessary mining authorisation were lodged in 2010/2011. In addition to the Mining Right, the Company was also previously granted the National Environmental Management Act (Nema) Authorisation in November 2012. Approval of the Water (IWUL) and Waste Licences is expected in the last quarter of 2013.

Commenting on the granting of the Roodekop Mining Right, CEO Mr. Tony Weber said: “We are delighted to have secured the Mining Right over the Roodekop project. This takes the Company another step closer to bringing our first export thermal coal project into production.”

About Roodekop

The Roodekop project is located centrally on the southern margin of the Witbank coalfield, 30 km south of Middelburg and immediately adjacent Exxaro’s New Clydesdale Colliery. The Witbank coalfield is one of the most important coalfields in South Africa, supplying more than 50% of South Africa’s saleable coal and is serviced by excellent road and railway infrastructure.

The project is one of three thermal coal resources held by Universal Coal and the first to target the export market. The coal resource (JORC compliant) at Roodekop totals 82.8Mt of which 67.2 Mt are at a Measured and 15.6 Mt at an Indicated Resource level.

The project hosts bituminous coal that would have to be beneficiated to produce a primary 27.5MJ/kg CV (gross air dried) product suitable for the export market and a secondary 20.5MJ/kg (gross air dried) product for Eskom. In addition, low phosphorus coal can be produced for the metallurgical market from the No. 1 and 1A seams.

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A feasibility study was completed by Universal Coal in December 2012 and is currently being reviewed and optimised.

Competent Person's Statement

The information in this report that relates to Coal Resources is based on information reviewed and compiled by Mr Nico Denner, a registered natural scientist and member of the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (a Recognised Overseas Professional Organisation). Mr Denner is employed by Gemecs (Pty) Ltd and has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and the type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a Competent Person as defined in the 2004 edition of the Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Coal Resources and Ore Reserves. Mr Denner consents to the inclusion in this report of this information in the form and context in which it appears.

Reporting on Exploration Results

The update has been compiled in accordance with the JORC Code, the recommendations and guidelines set out in the revised 2007 South African Code for The Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves (SAMREC Code) and the rules and guidelines relating to the independent expert's reports set by ASIC and ASX.

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Universal Coal Global Coal Resources Summary

Project	Reserve Proved Mt	Resource Measured Mt	Resource Indicated Mt	Resource Inferred Mt	Total Mt	Attributable to Universal Mt ⁷
Thermal Coal (Witbank)						
Kangala ¹	20.8	72.88	19.48	33.64	146.80	103.50
Roodekop ²	-	82.92	1.44	-	84.36	62.42
Brakfontein ³	-	70.50	15.00	2.20	87.70	44.10
Total Thermal coal⁷	20.8	226.30	35.92	35.84	318.86	210.02
Coking Coal (Limpopo)						
Berenice ⁴ – Cygnus ⁵	-	424.91	800.92	124.29	1350.12	631.32
Somerville ⁴ -Donkin ⁶	-	-	-	316.64	316.64	143.47
Total Coking Coal⁷	-	424.91	800.92	440.93	1,666.76	774.79
Total⁷	20.8	651.21	836.84	476.77	1,985.62	984.81

Notes:

1. Universal has an attributable interest of 70.5% of the Kangala Project.
2. Universal has an attributable interest of 74% in the Roodekop Project.
3. Universal has an attributable interest of 50.29% in the Brakfontein Project and the right to negotiate to acquire up to a 74% interest upon completion of the BFS and award of a mining right.
4. Universal has an attributable interest of 50% in the Berenice and Somerville Projects with an option to acquire up to a 74% interest.
5. Universal has an attributable interest of 20% in the Cygnus Project that will increase to 50% on completion of certain exploration milestones and to 74% on execution of an option.
6. Universal has an attributable interest of 15% in the Donkin Project that will increase to 50% on completion of certain exploration milestones.
7. Rounding (conforming to the JORC Code) may cause computational discrepancies.

Universal Coal Thermal Coal Quality Summary

Thermal Coal Projects

Project	Seam	Primary Product (theoretical, uncontaminated and undiluted) on an air-dried basis						
		Yield (%)	Calorific Value (MJ/kg)	Ash (%)	Volatile Matter (%)	Sulphur (%)	Inherent Moisture (%)	Phos. (%)
Kangala (Proved Reserve Area)	Mid ¹	73.3	27.6	12.1	30.3	2.19	4.4	<0.01
	Bottom	86.5	19.3	32.3	19.3	1.28	4.6	-
Roodekop	4Upper A	40.9	26.5	15.8	29.5	1.16	3.0	-
	4 Upper	60.2	26.5	15.8	27.7	0.75	3.3	-
	2 Lower	38.8	26.5	15.8	28.8	0.66	2.9	-
	1	24.2	27.5	13.6	26.7	0.59	3.1	<0.01
	1A	37.7	27.5	13.6	31.0	0.52	2.7	<0.01
Brakfontein (excl. lean coal)	5	54.2	26.5	15.0	22.8	0.64	4.4	-
	4 Lower	52.9	26.5	15.5	22.8	0.84	4.4	-
	2	47.2	26.5	15.4	23.5	0.84	4.9	-

Notes:

1. Vitrinite content of 56%, total reactive macerals of 76%, FSI of 0

Project	Seam	Secondary Product (Theoretical) on an air-dried basis					
		Yield (%)	Calorific Value (MJ/kg)	Ash (%)	Volatile Matter (%)	Sulphur (%)	Inherent Moisture (%)
Roodekop	4Upper A	22.5	20.5	29.7	20.5	0.98	2.6
	4 Upper	6.7	20.5	29.4	22.1	0.55	2.9
	2 Upper	78.8	20.8	28.6	19.8	0.40	2.9
	2 Lower	20.3	20.5	29.8	22.2	0.56	2.6
	1	62.4	20.6	29.4	19.5	0.71	2.7
	1A	41.0	20.6	29.5	23.6	0.58	2.3
Brakfontein (excl. lean coal)	5	5.6	20.5	31.7	15.7	0.78	4.0
	4 Upper	50.8	20.5	29.7	16.9	0.99	3.8
	4 Lower	26.11	20.5	29.8	18.4	0.97	4.0
	2	21.9	20.5	29.7	16.6	0.79	4.8
	1	40.6	20.5	30.7	16.5	0.48	3.6