



MARKET RELEASE

31 January 2014

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 commencement of normal trading on Tuesday, 4 February 2014.

Security Code: UNV

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By Email

Dear Simon

Universal Coal Plc (ASX Code: UNV) (Universal Coal) – Request for Trading Halt

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1, Universal Coal requests a trading halt in its CDIs from the commencement of trading tomorrow, Friday 31 January 2014.

In accordance with Listing Rule 17.1, we advise:

- (a) The trading halt is requested pending an announcement in relation to a binding offer submitted for a potential coal asset acquisition in South Africa as announced to the market on 26 November 2013;
- (b) Universal Coal wishes the trading halt to remain in place until the earlier of such time as it makes an announcement to the market regarding the outcome of the capital raising, or the commencement of trading on Tuesday 4 February 2014; and
- (c) Universal Coal is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted, or of any information necessary to inform the market or ASX about the trading halt.

Yours sincerely

Emma Lawler

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