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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 binding offer, 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emma Lawler".

Emma Lawler

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