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#### CONTINENTAL MOVES TO COMPLETE ACQUISITION OF OUTSTANDING INTEREST IN MASHALA

South African focused coal mining company Continental Coal Limited (ASX: CCC) ("Continental" or "the Company") is pleased to announce that the Company's South African subsidiary Continental Coal Limited ("CCL") has elected to accelerate payment of its option to acquire the outstanding 35.9% minority interests in Mashala Resources (Pty) Limited ("Mashala").

The decision by CCL to move towards 100% ownership of Mashala, which includes the underlying Ferreira Export Thermal Coal Mine, Delta Processing Operations and Penumbra and De Wittekrans Export Thermal Coal Projects, follows the announcements of 29 June 2011 of the offer of approx. US\$65 million of debt financing from ABSA Capital and the agreement reached with a Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment Group ("BBBEE") to acquire the existing 26% Black Economic Empowerment equity interest in CCL and repay approx. US\$20 million of the existing inter-company loan.

CCL has elected to acquire the outstanding minority interests to ensure that it holds a minimum 75% interest in Mashala and the key operating mine and development projects prior to the establishment and drawdown of the proposed ABSA Capital debt financing and the conclusion of the BBBEE transaction scheduled for completion in August 2011.

The acquisition of the minority interests will provide the Company with improved operating efficiencies in South Africa as well as simplified operating and reporting procedures and an aligned corporate structure. It will of course provide CCL with greater attributable cash flows from the export thermal producing Ferreira Coal Mine, at a time when export thermal coal prices are over 30% above those levels when the initial shareholding in Mashala was acquired and acquisition price determined.

To complete the acquisition of the minority interests in Mashala, Continental has entered into an agreement with Socius CG II, an established and highly successful United States based investment group and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Socius Capital Group ("Socius") for up to a US\$20 million equity investment in the Company.

Socius will emerge as the Company's largest substantial institutional and cornerstone shareholder with an initial shareholding of approx. 6.86% increasing to over 12.3%. Socius was founded in 2009 and has completed more than 40 transactions with emerging growth companies in North America, Europe and Australia achieving annualised returns of +100% p.a. since its inception.



The Company has completed an initial placement to Socius of 234,962,406 new shares at an issue price of A\$0.043 per share to raise US\$10 million (before issue costs). The placement was completed at a premium of 12% to the closing price on 30 June 2011. In addition the Company has issued Socius with 117,481,203 unlisted 5 year warrant options at an issue price of A\$0.044 representing a 15% premium to the closing price on 30 June 2011. A subsequent tranche will be completed with Socius at a price that will be determined at premium to the market share price at the time of draw down.

The proceeds of the first tranche of the placement will allow the Company to increase its shareholding in Mashala from the current 64.1% interest to up to a maximum 83.3% interest.

New York headquartered and privately held integrated capital markets and investment banking firm Madison Williams was the Company's advisor and the Placement Agent for the transaction.

Please find attached an Appendix 3B.

**ENDS** 

For and on behalf of the Board

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### About Continental Coal Limited

Continental Coal Limited (ASX:CCC: US-OTCQX:CGFAY) is a South African thermal coal producer with a portfolio of producing and advanced coal projects located in South Africa's major coal fields. Continental currently has two operating mines, Vlakvarkfontein and Ferreira, producing 2Mtpa of thermal coal for the export and domestic markets. In 2011 Continental is set to commence development of the Penumbra Coal Mine and complete a Bankable Feasibility Study on the De Wittekrans Coal Project. The Company has concluded strategic off-take and funding agreements with EDF Trading for its export thermal coal



production and recently signed a joint development agreement with KORES, Korea's state mining and exploration company.

## **Forward Looking Statement**

Certain statements made during or in connection with this communication, including, without limitation, those concerning the economic outlook for the coal mining industry, expectations regarding coal prices, production, cash costs and other operating results, growth prospects and the outlook of Continental's operations including the likely commencement of commercial operations of the Penumbra and De Wittekrans, its liquidity and the capital resources and expenditure, contain or comprise certain forward-looking statements regarding Company's development and exploration operations, economic performance and financial condition. Although Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, no assurance can be given that such expectations will prove to have been correct.

Accordingly, results could differ materially from those set out in the forward-looking statements as a result of, among other factors, changes in economic and market conditions, success of business and operating initiatives, changes in the regulatory environment and other government actions, fluctuations in coal prices and exchange rates and business and operational risk management. For a discussion of such factors, refer to the Company's most recent annual report and half year report. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after today's date or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.



# Appendix 3B

# New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to ASX as soon as available. Information and documents given to ASX become ASX's property and may be made public.

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We (the entity) give ASX the following information.

## Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

1 +Class of +securities issued or to be issued

Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

**Unlisted Director Options** 

**Unlisted Warrant Options** 

Number of <sup>+</sup>securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued 434,553,560 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

10,000,000 Director Options (7.5 cents, 31 December 2013)

117,481,203 Unlisted Warrant Options (4.4 cents, 1 July 2016)

3 Principal terms of the +securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid +securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if +convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion)

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<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

4 Do the +securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing +class of quoted +securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
- the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment
- the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment

Yes – Ordinary Fully Paid Shares

Yes – Unlisted Director Options (7.5 cents, 31 December 2013)

**New Class Options** 

Warrant Options (4.4 cents, 1 July 2016)

5 Issue price or consideration

234,962,406 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares at 4.3 cents and 117,481,203 free attaching Unlisted Warrant Options exercisable at 4.4 cents on or before 1 July 2016 in a Placement to an Institutional Investor raising US \$10m before issue costs, towards funding the outstanding balance of the acquisition costs of Mashala.

95,000,000 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares on exercise of call options exercisable at 5 cents on or before 6 August 2013.

21,336 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares on exercise of listed options exercisable at 5 cents on or before 13 February 2013.

60,000,000 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares to be issued at 5.8 cents as consideration for the introduction and facilitation of the Company's acquisition of Mashala as approved by shareholders at the Company's General Meeting on 29 June 2011.

44,569,818 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares issued at 5.5 cents in part payment of the acquisition costs of further a 25% and 20% interest in the Vaalbank and Project X Coal Projects respectively.

10,000,000 Unlisted Director Options exercisable at 7.5 cents on or before 31 December 2013 as approved by shareholders at the Company's General Meeting on 29 June 2011.

Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) 234,962,406 Ordinary Fully Paid Shares at 4.3 cents and 117,481,203 free attaching Unlisted Warrant Options exercisable at 4.4 cents on or before 1 July 2016 in a Placement to an Institutional Investor raising US \$10m before issue costs, towards funding the outstanding balance of the acquisition costs of Mashala.

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7 Dates of entering +securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates

30/06/2011

8 Number and +class of all +securities quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

Number	<sup>+</sup> Class
3,427,602,815	Ordinary fully paid shares
602,161,301	Options (5 cents, 13 February 2013)

9 Number and +class of all +securities not quoted on ASX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable)

60,000,000	Class One Facilitation Options (15 cents, 19 October 2011)
60,000,000	Class Two Facilitation Options (20 cents, 19 October 2011)
40,000,000	EDF Options (5 cents, 16 July 2016)
40,000,000	EDF Options (10 cents, 16 July 2016)
16,275,486	Warrant Options (6.4 cents, 31 October 2015)
117,481,203	Warrant Options (4.4 cents, 1 July 2016)
110,000,000	Director Options (7.5 cents, 31 December 2013)
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<sup>+</sup> See chapter 19 for defined terms.

10	Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests)	Not applicable
	(interests)	

# Part 2 - Bonus issue or pro rata issue

11	Is security holder approval required?	N/A
12	Is the issue renounceable or non-renounceable?	N/A
13	Ratio in which the <sup>+</sup> securities will be offered	N/A
14	<sup>+</sup> Class of <sup>+</sup> securities to which the offer relates	N/A
15	<sup>+</sup> Record date to determine entitlements	N/A
16	Will holdings on different registers (or subregisters) be aggregated for calculating entitlements?	N/A
17	Policy for deciding entitlements in relation to fractions	N/A
18	Names of countries in which the entity has <sup>+</sup> security holders who will not be sent new issue documents	N/A
	Note: Security holders must be told how their entitlements are to be dealt with.	
	Cross reference: rule 7.7.	
19	Closing date for receipt of acceptances or renunciations	N/A
20	Names of any underwriters	N/A
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21	Amount of any underwriting fee or commission	N/A
22	Names of any brokers to the issue	N/A
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23	Fee or commission payable to the broker to the issue	N/A
24	Amount of any handling fee payable to brokers who lodge acceptances or renunciations on behalf of +security holders	N/A
25	If the issue is contingent on +security holders' approval, the date of the meeting	N/A
26	Date entitlement and acceptance form and prospectus or Product Disclosure Statement will be sent to persons entitled	N/A
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	27	If the entity has issued options, and the terms entitle option holders to participate on exercise, the date on which notices will be sent to option holders	N/A	
	28	Date rights trading will begin (if applicable)	N/A	
	20	Data wights trading will and (if applicable)	DY/A	
	29	Date rights trading will end (if applicable)	N/A	
	30	How do <sup>+</sup> security holders sell their entitlements <i>in full</i> through a broker?	N/A	
	31	How do <sup>+</sup> security holders sell <i>part</i> of their entitlements through a broker and accept for the balance?	N/A	
	32	How do +security holders dispose of their entitlements (except by sale through a broker)?	N/A	
	33	<sup>+</sup> Despatch date	N/A	
		Quotation of securities		
You nee	d only	complete this section if you are applying for quotation	of securities	
34		e of securities one)		
(a)		Securities described in Part 1		
(b)		All other securities		
	Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities			
Entit	ies tl	hat have ticked box 34(a)		
Additi	ional	securities forming a new class of securities		
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35			ames of the 20 largest holders of the additional	
36		securities, and the number and percentage of ad If the *securities are *equity securities, a distrib out the number of holders in the categories 1 - 1,000 1,001 - 5,000	ution schedule of the additional *securities setting	
		5,001 - 10,000 10,001 - 100,000 100,001 and over		
37		A copy of any trust deed for the additional +secu	rities	
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## Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38	Number of securities for which <sup>+</sup> quotation is sought	N/A			
39	Class of *securities for which quotation is sought	N/A			
40	Do the *securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing *class of quoted *securities?	N/A			
	If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:  • the date from which they do				
	the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment				
	• the extent to which they do not rank equally,				
	other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment				
41	Reason for request for quotation now	N	7/A		
	Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period				
	(if issued upon conversion of another security, cle identify that other security)	early			
		N	umber	+Class	
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	42 Number and *class of all *securities quoted ASX ( <i>including</i> the securities in clause 38)	on N	/A	N/A	
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	Quotation agreement				

- <sup>+</sup>Quotation of our additional <sup>+</sup>securities is in ASX's absolute discretion. ASX may quote the <sup>+</sup>securities on any conditions it decides.
- We warrant the following to ASX.
  - The issue of the <sup>+</sup>securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
  - There is no reason why those <sup>+</sup>securities should not be granted <sup>+</sup>quotation.
  - An offer of the <sup>+</sup>securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any <sup>+</sup>securities to be quoted and that noone has any right to return any <sup>+</sup>securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the <sup>+</sup>securities be quoted.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the <sup>+</sup>securities to be quoted, it has been provided at the time that we request that the <sup>+</sup>securities be quoted.

- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the <sup>+</sup>securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the <sup>+</sup>securities be quoted.
- We will indemnify ASX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.
- We give ASX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to ASX before <sup>+</sup>quotation of the <sup>+</sup>securities begins. We acknowledge that ASX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.

Sign here:

Date: 30 June 2011

Print name: Jane Flegg, Company Secretary

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