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MARKET RELEASE

2 April 2012

Continental Coal Limited

TRADING HALT

The securities of Continental Coal Limited (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 Wednesday 4 April 2012 or when the announcement is released to the market.

Security Code:

CCC

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2 April 2012

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By e-lodgement

TRADING HALT REQUEST

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 17.1, the directors of Continental Coal Limited (ASX: CCC) request a trading halt in the securities of the Company effective immediately, pending the release of an announcement regarding the settlement of a key transaction.

The Company requests the trading half is to last until the earlier of the Company releasing an announcement, or until the commencement of trade on Wednesday 4 April 2012.

The Company is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

For and on behalf of the Board.

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About Continental Coal Limited

Continental Coal Limited (ASX:CCC/AIM: COOL/US-OTCQX:CGFAY) is a coal mining investment and production company. Its principal investment is a 74% interest in a South African thermal coal producer with a portfolio of projects located in South Africa's major coal fields including two operating mines, the Vlakvarkfontein and Ferreira Coal Mines, producing 2Mtpa of thermal coal for the export and domestic markets. A third mine, the Penumbra Coal Mine, commenced development in September 2011 and a Bankable Feasibility Study was also completed on a proposed fourth mine, the De Wittekrans Coal Project. Run of mine production of 7Mtpa is targeted in 2013. The Company has concluded strategic off-take and funding agreements with EDF Trading for its export thermal coal production, signed a joint development agreement with KORES, Korea Resources Corporation and secured debt funding from ABSA Capital to fund its growth.

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 the 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.