

# Market Announcement

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## Universal Coal Plc (ASX: UNV) – Trading Halt

### Description

The securities of Universal Coal Plc ('UNV') will be placed in trading halt at the request of UNV, pending it releasing an announcement. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in trading halt until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Thursday, 21 March 2019 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Dear Charlotte

**Universal Coal Plc – Request for Trading Halt**

Pursuant to ASX Listing Rule 3.1A.2, Universal Coal Plc (ASX:UNV) ("**Universal Coal**") requests a trading halt with immediate effect following the possible loss of confidentiality on ongoing discussions regarding the previously announced binding, conditional commitment to make an offer from a private entity incorporated in South Africa, Ata Resources (Pty) Ltd on behalf of a consortium of investors (the "**Consortium**"), under which Consortium, through a special purpose bidding company, proposes to acquire the entire issued share capital of Universal, to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement pursuant to a Part 26 of the UK Companies Act 2006 (the "**Proposed Transaction**").

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.1, Universal Coal provides the following information in relation to the request:

1. The trading halt is requested by Universal Coal pending a material announcement regarding the Proposed Transaction.
2. Universal Coal requests that the trading halt remain in place until the earlier of commencement of trading on 21 March 2019 or the release of an announcement by Universal Coal.
3. Universal Coal is seeking the trading halt to enable the Company to complete discussions regarding the material announcement.
4. Universal Coal confirms that it is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted or any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours sincerely  
**UNIVERSAL COAL PLC**

Emma Lawler  
**Universal Coal PLC**