



MARKET RELEASE

6 April 2010

GLOUCESTER COAL LTD

TRADING HALT

The securities of Gloucester Coal Ltd (the "Company") will be placed in pre-open at the request of the Company, pending the release of an announcement by the Company. Unless ASX decides otherwise, the securities will remain in pre-open until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on Thursday, 8 April 2010 or when the announcement is released to the market.

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Ms Suzanna Dabski
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Exchange Centre
Level 6, 20 Bridge Street
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Dear Suzanna,

In accordance with ASX Listing Rule 17.1, we request a trading halt in the shares of Gloucester Coal Ltd on ASX immediately.

For the purposes of ASX Listing Rule 17.1, we advise as follows:

- The reason for the trading halt is that Gloucester Coal expects to receive a proposal offer from Noble Group Limited, the major shareholder in Gloucester Coal holding approximately 87.7% of Gloucester Coal's shares.
- Gloucester Coal Ltd wishes the trading halt to last until the earlier of the commencement of normal trading on the second trading day after the trading halt commenced or when Gloucester Coal Ltd makes an announcement to the market and requests that the trading halt be lifted.
- Gloucester Coal Ltd is not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.
- Gloucester Coal Ltd is not aware of any other information necessary to inform the market about the trading halt.

Yours sincerely

Peter Scott
Company Secretary
Gloucester Coal Ltd