



# MARKET RELEASE

22 December 2011

Gloucester Coal Ltd

## SUSPENSION FROM OFFICIAL QUOTATION

The securities of Gloucester Coal Ltd (the "Company") will be suspended from quotation immediately, at the request of the Company, pending an announcement regarding a possible change of control transaction.

Security Code: GCL

Emma Badhni  
Principal Adviser, Listings (Sydney)



22 December 2011

Ms Emma Badhni  
Senior Adviser, Listings  
ASX Markets Supervision Pty Ltd  
20 Bridge Street  
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Dear Ms Badhni,

**Request for suspension at the request of Gloucester**

The directors of Gloucester Coal Ltd (ASX: GCL) (**Gloucester**) request that ASX suspend the Company's securities from quotation from the commencement of trading on 22 December 2011.

The suspension is requested in connection with the potential merger proposal referred to in Gloucester's request for trading halt dated 20 December 2011.

For the purposes of Listing Rule 17.2, Gloucester provides the following information:

- a) the suspension is necessary as Gloucester expects to make an announcement in connection with the possible change of control transaction referred to in Gloucester's request for trading halt dated 20 December 2011, but is not yet in a position to make the announcement;
- b) Gloucester expects the suspension to remain in place until no later than the close of trading on 22 December 2011;
- c) Gloucester expects to make an announcement in relation to a potential merger proposal which will end the suspension; and
- d) Gloucester is not aware of any reason why the securities should not be suspended.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hemang Shah".

Hemang Shah  
Company Secretary