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Mr A Black
Companies Officer
Australian Stock Exchange

Dear Andrew

Request for Trading Halt

I refer to our telephone conversation and hereby apply for a trading halt on the Company's traded securities under Listing Rule 17.1 for a period up to two days pending an announcement to the market concerning a significant change in the ownership of the Company's shares. We are not aware of any reason why the trading halt should not be granted.

Yours sincerely
Gloucester Coal Ltd

Robert J Waring
Company Secretary