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兖州煤業股份有限公司

YANZHOU COAL MINING COMPANY LIMITED

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 1171)

DELAY IN DESPATCH OF CIRCULAR IN RELATION TO CONTINUING CONNECTED TRANSACTIONS

Reference is made to the announcement of the Company dated 5 April 2012 (the “**Announcement**”) in relation to continuing connected transactions. Capitalised terms used in this announcement shall bear the same meanings as those defined in the Announcement unless the context requires otherwise. This announcement is made pursuant to Rule 14A.56(10) of the Hong Kong Listing Rules.

It was stated in the Announcement that a circular (the “**Circular**”) containing, among other things, particulars of the Non-exempt Continuing Connected Transactions and the Proposed Annual Caps, a letter from the Independent Board Committee and a letter of advice from the Independent Financial Adviser to the Independent Board Committee and the Independent Shareholders would be despatched to the Shareholders as soon as possible.

As additional time is required to prepare and finalise the information to be contained in the Circular, the despatch date of the Circular will be postponed to a date not later than 15 May 2012.

By order of the board of directors
Yanzhou Coal Mining Company Limited
Li Weimin
Chairman of the Board

Zoucheng, Shandong Province, the PRC
30 April 2012

As at the date of this announcement, the Directors are Mr. Li Weimin, Mr. Wang Xin, Mr. Zhang Yingmin, Mr. Shi Xuerang, Mr. Wu Yuxiang, Mr. Zhang Baocai and Mr. Dong Yunqing, and the independent non-executive directors of the Company are Mr. Wang Xianzheng, Mr. Cheng Faguang, Mr. Wang Xiaojun and Mr. Xue Youzhi.