

Forbes Coal Reports Wage Negotiations With Employees Have Been Completed

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Oct 18, 2013) - **Forbes & Manhattan Coal Corp. (TSX:FMC)(JSE:FMC) ("Forbes Coal" or "the Company")** has reached agreement on wages for this year with the Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union (AMCU) for employees in categories 4 to 8. Wages for employees in these categories will increase by 9% for the period from August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014.

Stephan Theron, President and CEO of Forbes Coal commented, "We thank everyone involved in these negotiations for the manner in which they have been conducted and to have reached agreement amicably without incident."

About Forbes Coal

Forbes Coal is a growing coal producer in southern Africa. It holds a majority interest in two operating mines through its 100% interest in Forbes Coal (Pty) Ltd., a South African company ("Forbes Coal Dundee") which has a 70% interest in Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd. ("Zinoju"). Zinoju holds a 100% interest in the Magdalena bituminous mine and the Avimore anthracite mine in South Africa (collectively, "the Forbes Coal Dundee Properties"). The mines have a substantial resource base and each mine has a projected life span in excess of 20 years. Forbes Coal is in the process of increasing production at both mines using existing infrastructure and capacity. The company has in-place transportation infrastructure allowing its coal to reach both export corridors and the growing domestic coal market. Forbes Coal has an experienced coal-focused management team.

Please refer to the company's NI 43-101 compliant technical report on the Forbes Coal Dundee Properties dated March 6, 2013 entitled "Independent Qualified Persons' Report on Forbes Coal Dundee Operations In the KwaZulu-Natal Province, South Africa", available on the SEDAR profile of the Company at www.sedar.com. Additional information is available at www.forbescoal.com.

Cautionary Notes:

Johan Odendaal, B.Sc.(Geol.), B.Sc.(Hons)(Min. Econ.), M.Sc. (Min. Eng.), a director of Minxcon and an independent Qualified Person, as defined in National Instrument 43-101 has reviewed and approved the scientific and technical information contained in this release. The ability of Forbes Coal to increase production amounts has not been the subject of a feasibility study and there is no certainty that the proposed expansion will be economically feasible.

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