

Forbes Coal Settles Claims With Riversdale Mining

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TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - Mar 18, 2014) - **Forbes & Manhattan Coal Corp.** ("Forbes Coal" or the "Company") (TSX:FMC) (JSE:FMC) has reached a settlement agreement with [Riversdale Mining Ltd.](#) ("RML") in respect of the dispute between the parties in relation to the previously proposed acquisition by Forbes Coal of 100% of the shares and shareholder claims of Riversdale Holdings Proprietary Limited.

The claim by Forbes Coal against RML for the return of the ZAR45.5 million (C\$4.7 million) deposit held in escrow (the "Escrow Funds"), and the claim by RML against FMC for damages in the amount of R299.5 million (\$30.7 million) arising from the proposed acquisition, will be settled by way of the Escrow Funds (including interest) being shared between the parties as to ZAR 19,400,000 (C\$2.0 million) to RML and the balance to Forbes Coal.

Pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement, neither party shall have any further claim, right, liability and/or duty of any kind towards the other party in respect of either claim.

About Forbes Coal

Forbes Coal is a 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 which has a 70% interest in Zinoju Coal (Pty) Ltd. ("Zinoju"). Zinoju holds a 100% interest in the Magdalena bituminous mine and the Aviemore anthracite mine in South Africa. Forbes Coal has an experienced coal-focused management team.

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