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ROYAL COAL REPORTS COAL SALES CONTACTS FOR 2012

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Royal Coal Corp. (“**Royal Coal**”) (TSX-V: **RDA**, F: **RLC**), a US Central Appalachian producer of high BTU, low sulphur thermal coal, is pleased to announce that it has secured coal sales contracts for 234,000 tons to be delivered over a 12 month period commencing January 2012. These contracts provide for the delivery of run-of-mine coal at an average sales price of US\$85/ton with delivery at mine site.

“These contracts are very attractive and give the company a solid foundation of sales for the upcoming year” commented Tom Griffis, Chairman of Royal Coal. “The company is pursuing increased production from its own operations and permits as well as the potential of additional production through the acquisition of new assets. Royal Coal also anticipates new term contracts to be signed over the coming weeks for additional sales in 2012.”

About Royal Coal

Royal Coal is a coal exploration and production company, headquartered in Toronto, Ontario, Canada with a regional office in Hazard, Kentucky, U.S.A. whose primary business focus is developing producing surface coal mining operations in the Central Appalachian coal producing region of the United States, which includes parts of West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, and Tennessee.

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