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兗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)

**VOLUNTARY ANNOUNCEMENT  
CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING ESTIMATION**

The purpose of this announcement is to disclose the Change in Accounting Estimation of the Company under the PRC accounting standards. The Change in Accounting Estimation will not affect the profits of the Company calculated based on the International Financial Reporting Standards.

This is a voluntary announcement made by the Company.

The tenth meeting of the fifth session of the board of directors (the “**Board**”) of Yanzhou Coal Mining Company Limited (the “**Company**”) approved the proposal in relation to the change in accounting estimation of the Company (the “**Change in Accounting Estimation**”), and approved the adjustment to the collection of production safety expenses of some coal mines in accordance with the new policy and requirements of the Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Work Safety of the People's Republic of China (“**PRC**”).

**1. Introduction to the Change in Accounting Estimation**

(1) Date of the Change in Accounting Estimation: 1 February 2012;

(2) Reasons for the Change in Accounting Estimation: pursuant to the rules and regulations of “the Provision and Usage Measures of Production Safety Expenses of the Enterprises” (Caiqi [2012] No.16), jointly issued by the PRC Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Work Safety on 14 February 2012, the Company has to increase the provision standard of the production safety fees applicable to the coal mines located in Shandong Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region to RMB15 per tonne;

(3) Details of the Change in Accounting Estimation: to increase the provision standard of the production safety fees applicable to the coal mines located in Shandong Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region to RMB15 per tonne from RMB8 and RMB10 per tonne,

respectively.

## **2. Impact of the Change in Accounting Estimation on the Company**

Calculated on the basis of China accounting standards, it is estimated that the Change in Accounting Estimation will result in an increase of the cost of the Company by approximately RMB270.6 million, a decrease of the gross profits by approximately RMB270.6 million, a reduction of the enterprise income tax by approximately RMB67.65 million respectively, and a decrease of the net profits of the Company by approximately RMB 203 million. The Change in Accounting Estimation will not affect the profits of the Company calculated based on the International Financial Reporting Standards.

## **3. Opinion of the Board, the supervisory committee of the Company (the “Supervisory Committee”) and the independent directors of the Company (the “Independent Directors”) on the Change in Accounting Estimation**

The Board and the Supervisory Committee have provided their opinion on the Change in Accounting Estimation. The Independent Directors have also provided their independent opinion on the Change in Accounting Estimation.

The Board, the Supervisory Committee and the Independent Directors are of the opinion that: pursuant to the rules and regulations of “the Provision and Usage Measures of Production Safety Expenses of the Enterprises” (Caiqi [2012] No.16), jointly issued by the PRC Ministry of Finance and the State Administration of Work Safety, the adjustment to the provision standard of the production safety fees is in compliance with the laws, rules and relevant requirements of accounting policy, and may further optimize the Company's long-term safety production mechanism to ensure the stability and continuity of the production and operation of the Company and to safeguard the interests of the Company and its shareholders as a whole. The Change in Accounting Estimation does not have material impact on the Company and shall be approved accordingly.

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

Zoucheng, Shandong Province, the PRC  
24 August 2012

*As at the date of this announcement, the directors of the Company 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.*