

**CHURCHILL MINING PLC**  
("Churchill" or "the Company")

**SRK Appointed Technical Supervisor  
to Sendawar Coal Project, Indonesia**

The Directors of Churchill Mining Plc (AIM: CHL) are pleased to announce that the Company has appointed SRK Consulting ("SRK"), one of the world's leading exploration and mining consulting firms, to act as Technical Supervisor to the Sendawar thermal coal project in Kalimantan, Indonesia.

SRK, which will also act for Churchill in the Competent Person's role, has a specialist Coal Mining division with expertise in all aspects of coal from geological interpretation and modeling, deposit evaluation and resource estimation, to all aspects of economic evaluation and mining implementation. SRK's experience encompasses the world's major coal regions including; Australia, China, India, Indonesia and Russia.

SRK's consulting team is led by the company's principal coal geologist, Pat Hanna, along with the support of two senior Indonesian coal geologists.

Under the terms of appointment, SRK will assist the Company in its planning and reporting as well as supervise Churchill's exploration manager PT GMT Indonesia, which is running the Sendawar program on a day-by-day basis. Both SRK and PT GMT Indonesia are highly experienced in managing exploration projects in Kalimantan.

The Sendawar project covers approximately 1000 square kilometers and the Company will shortly award the tender for the initial drilling programme, consisting of 100 diamond holes, which is anticipated to run from the beginning of August 2006 to the end of February 2007.

The Sendawar Project's northern ground is considered a focal point because it abuts the privately-owned Gunung Bayan mine, which has been operating since 1998 and produces approximately 3.4 million tonnes per annum of quality thermal coal. Gunung Bayan's resource position is greater than 300 million tonnes.

Paul Mazak, Churchill's Joint Managing Director, commented: "The appointment not only enhances Churchill's technical capability in regard to on-ground exploration and drill planning but will also assist with regard to regular AIM updating and JORC resource reporting compliance."

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## **Notes to editors**

Churchill Mining Plc listed on AIM in April 2005. It has two projects and in 2006 raised GBP5.25 million to acquire and explore the Sendawar project.

### **About Patrick Hanna, Principal Geologist (Coal), SRK Consulting**

Patrick Hanna took a Bachelor of Applied Science (App. Geology) degree from the University of New South Wales, Australia (1976). He has over 25 years' experience in coal in Australia and elsewhere, including Indonesia, South Africa, the United States and India.

Amongst his professional affiliations are: Fellow of The Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (FAusIMM); Chartered Professional Geologist (CPGeo), Australia; and Member, Minerals Industry Consultants Association (MMICA).

### **South Woodie Woodie**

The South Woodie Woodie manganese project covers approximately 490 square kilometres in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia. Owned via Churchill Mining's wholly-owned subsidiary, Planet Mining Pty Ltd, the project sits approximately 400km southeast of Port Hedland in the highly prospective Pilbara manganese province. Churchill owns the project 100%. The company recently completed a 6,600 line kilometre airborne magnetics program at South Woodie Woodie and will drill its first target area, Enacheddong, Creek in July 2006.

### **Sendawar**

Churchill Mining is exploring for coal in Indonesia at the Sendawar project in Kalimantan. The project covers more than 1,000 km<sup>2</sup> of prospective ground and lies in close proximity to two operating open-cut mines: Thai miner Banpu's newly commissioned Trubaindo operation, which will be shortly producing at a rate of approximately six million tonnes per annum (tpa); and the privately-owned Gunung Bayan mine which has been operating since 1998 and produces approximately 3.4 million tpa. Coal from these mines is transported via barge via the Mahakam River to the port of Samarinda. The Sendawar project is located approximately 50km from the Mahakam River.