

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

**Churchill begins Scoping Study &
appoints new geological consultants for
East Kutai Coal Project**

Highlights

- Appointment of SMG Consultants as new JORC geological consultants
- Appointment of Trans Tek Engineering to complete East Kutai Coal Project scoping study
- New Ambrian research note now available at www.churchillmining.com

Churchill is pleased to announce that as part of its ongoing activities at the East Kutai Coal Project (EKCP), the Company has appointed a number of new technical advisors as it moves forward in accessing and designing a development plan for the project.

At the suggestion of the Company's previous independent geological consultants SRK, Churchill has appointed SMG Consultants to complete the ongoing JORC resource statement for the EKCP. Churchill's Managing Director, Paul Mazak, extended his thanks to SRK for their assistance and valuable contribution to Churchill's project work in Indonesia.

Staffed with over 30 mining professionals, the Australian-based SMG Consultants is the only internationally recognised large independent geological consulting group to have worked in Indonesia since 1986 and operates a permanent office in Jakarta. In addition, the SMG Consultants can call on assistance from its world-wide offices located in Australia, South Africa and North America. The SMC Group has worked on most of the major coal mines in Indonesia in one capacity or another, including; Arutmin, Kaltim Prima Coal, Adaro, Bahari Cakrawala Sebuk, Berau Coal and internationally includes amongst its clients BHP Billiton, Rio Tinto, Anglo Coal, White Mining, and Xstrata. The move to SMG Consultants will help overcome time zone and other difficulties of working with geological consultants not based permanently in Indonesia.

(A full description of SMG Consultants can be found at the Churchill website: www.churchillmining.com)

The first stage of the JORC resource statement is still on schedule for release in April 2008.

The Company has also appointed the Australian-Canadian owned, Trans Tek Engineering, to immediately commence a General Scoping Study on the EKCP. The study is broadly based and will consider all aspects of possible mining facilities, transportation infrastructure to port, ship-loading and port facilities.

Trans Tek Engineering is based in Indonesia with its directors having extensive international experience in all aspects of coal mining development including feasibility studies as well as engineering design, procurement and construction, along with practical experience of the conditions facing mine developers in Indonesia. Their major clients include; BHP Vancouver Wharvis, Sandwell Engineering, Total Indonesia, BP Indonesia, PT. Indominco, PT. Kaltim Prima Coal (KPC), PT. Arutmin, PT. KPI, and PT. Jorong

Paul G. Mazak, Churchill's Managing Director, commented that: "the appointment of skilled international consultants actually based permanently in Indonesia will be of great benefit to Churchill in managing the EKCP development programme on a daily basis."

A new Ambrian research note regarding Churchill, its projects and the coal market is available at www.churchillmining.com

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South Woodie Woodie

Given the increased prospectivity of South Woodie Woodie, and Churchill's increasing focus on its Indonesian coal and coal bed methane projects, the Company sold 80% of the project to Australian company Spitfire Resources Limited ("Spitfire"). Spitfire, which listed on the ASX on the 12th December 2007, will have the option to purchase the remaining equity in the project after spending AUD\$1.5 million on exploration.

The South Woodie Woodie project covers approximately 490 square kilometres in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia, and sits approximately 400km southeast of Port Hedland in the highly prospective Pilbara manganese province. Churchill has recently completed a heliborne versatile time-domain electromagnetic geophysics programme and interpretive work, and a follow up dipole-dipole IP survey which identified multiple drill targets.

Sendawar – CBM

The Sendawar Coal CBM project in Kalimantan, Indonesia, covers more than 800 square kilometres of prospective ground and lies in close proximity to two operating open-cut coal mines. The project is located approximately 50km from the Mahakam River.

During Churchill's coal exploration programme, data collected during geophysical and resistivity work, along with data collected from previous oil and gas exploration in the area; indicated that the area was highly prospective for Coal Bed Methane. Churchill (70% of the CBM project) along with its Indonesian partner RMU (30% of the CBM project) applied for and were granted Indonesia's first CBM JEA license in September 2007. The CBM project has the potential to host Gas-in-Place of 5.6 TCF. Churchill is currently conducting further studies on the CBM project before starting detailed field work.

East Kutai Coal Project

Churchill announced on 15 February 2007 that it had signed an Exclusivity Agreement with PT Techno Coal Utama to enable it to conduct due diligence work on the East Kutai thermal coal project. In May 2007 Churchill announced a sales agreement had been entered into to purchase a 75% interest in the Project, which has now been finalised. Exploration and resource drilling continue at the project.