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CHURCHILL MINING PLC
(“Churchill” or “the Company”)

**Churchill strengthens litigation team with appointment of Nicholas Smith as
Managing Director**

Churchill Mining PLC (AIM: CHL) is pleased to announce that Mr Nicholas Smith has joined the board of the Company and has been appointed as the new Managing Director with immediate effect.

“Nicholas joins Churchill with extensive experience advising companies on major litigation and arbitration disputes, including disputes involving bilateral investment treaties and ICSID disputes. On behalf of the Board and our shareholders, I look forward to his contribution in leading the ICSID arbitration that Churchill has commenced against the Republic of Indonesia. The ICSID arbitration has in effect become Churchill’s principal activity and focus for the Company,” said Churchill’s Chairman David Quinlivan.

Mr Smith has some 30 years’ experience in the international resource/resource development industry, including significant experience in project management of major international litigation and arbitration disputes. Mr Smith also has significant experience in mergers and acquisitions and project financing.

Mr Smith holds a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Australia and was admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Western Australia in 1975. His previous experience includes more than 10 years as Group General Counsel for Normandy Mining Limited which, prior to its merger with Newmont Mining Corporation, was Australia’s largest gold producer and which had interests in a number of international projects enjoying the protection of bilateral investment treaties. Mr Smith has also served as a director of a number of ASX listed companies including Red 5 Limited, Mindax Limited and NiQuest Limited.

On May 22, 2012, Churchill filed a claim against the Republic of Indonesia for breaches of Indonesia’s obligations under the Bilateral Investment Treaty (the “BIT”) between the United Kingdom and the Republic of Indonesia at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (“ICSID”) in Washington D.C. Since then, ICSID has registered the case, accepting jurisdiction in the dispute between Churchill and the Republic of Indonesia.

The ICSID arbitration relates to Churchill’s investment in Indonesia and the company’s East Kutai Coal Project (“EKCP”). In the ICSID arbitration, Churchill is seeking the full relief owed to it under the provisions of the UK-Indonesia BIT and under international law.

Mr David Quinlivan who has been guiding the company in the role of Executive Chairman since March 2011 will continue in the role of Non-Executive Chairman.

James Nicholas Smith (known as Nicholas), aged 60, is or has been in the past five years a director of the following companies:

Current directorships

Gandalf Holdings Pty Ltd
Meriperiwinklers Pty Ltd
Crucible Resources Pty Ltd.
Portcullis Corporate Advisory Pty Ltd

Past directorships

Mindax Limited
Mindax Energy Pty Ltd
Yilgiron Pty Ltd

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