

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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## **COALSPUR APPOINTS NEW CHAIRMAN AND DIRECTOR**

**CALGARY, Alberta: Coalspur Mines Limited (“Coalspur” or “Company”) (ASX: CPL, TSX: CPT)** is pleased to announce that Mr Colin Steyn has been appointed as Chairman of the Company and Mr Peter Breese has been appointed as a non-executive Director to the Company, effective immediately.

The appointments of Messrs Steyn and Breese, both with extensive corporate and operational experience, is part of Coalspur’s transition from a coal exploration company into a major coal development company on the cusp of bringing the Vista Coal Project into production. The Bankable Feasibility Study (“BFS”) remains on target for completion by the end of 2011 and preliminary work on project financing and product off-take is now underway.

### ***Appointment of Colin Steyn as Chairman***

Mr Steyn has been a non-executive director of Coalspur since October 21, 2010 and his appointment as Chairman is effective immediately.

Mr Steyn has over 30 years experience in the resources sector and was previously President and CEO of Toronto based LionOre Mining International Limited (“LionOre”) prior to it being acquired by Norilsk Nickel International (“Norilsk”) in 2007. He was one of the original founders of LionOre and was instrumental in the growth and development of LionOre into a major international mining house. During his time as CEO, LionOre grew from a market capitalisation of US\$100 million to over US\$6 billion. More recently, he was a non-executive Director of Mantra Resources Limited, until its acquisition by Uranium One Inc (“Uranium One”).

Mr Ian Middlemas has resigned as Chairman of the Company and will remain as a non-executive Director of the Company.

### ***Appointment of Peter Breese as a non-executive Director***

Mr Breese has over 25 years operational experience in the global mining industry, having predominantly worked across southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Tanzania and Zimbabwe) and Australia in the uranium, nickel, platinum and chrome sectors. He has held a number of senior management positions in TSX and ASX publicly listed companies, including CEO of Mantra Resources, before its US\$1 billion acquisition by Uranium One, Chief Executive of Norilsk, following its US\$6 billion acquisition of LionOre, where he was Chief Operating Officer, as well as senior executive and board positions with Impala Platinum Holdings, Mimosa Mining Company, Zimasco and BCL. He holds a PMD from Harvard Business School.

Importantly Mr Breese will provide Coalspur with access to his strong track record of successful project development and operations management and will complement the Company’s highly experienced management team as the BFS nears completion and the Vista Coal Project advances into the construction phase.

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## About Coalspur

Coalspur Mines Limited ("Coalspur" or "Company") is a coal exploration and development company with over 33,200 hectares of coal exploration leases located within the Hinton region of Alberta, Canada. Coalspur's flagship coal project is the Vista Coal Project which has the potential to be one of the largest export thermal coal mines in North America.

The Vista Coal Project covers approximately 10,000 hectares and contains over 20km of continuous gently dipping strike length and a Measured and Indicated Coal Resource base of over 985 million tonnes of low sulphur, high volatile bituminous, export quality thermal coal. The Company is currently undertaking a Bankable Feasibility Study on the Vista Coal Project, following a Pre-Feasibility Study ("PFS") completed in December 2010 that defined an initial marketable reserve of over 260 million tonnes on the Vista Coal Project which makes it one of the largest undeveloped export orientated thermal coal projects in North America.

<b>JORC / NI 43-101 Coal Reserves</b>						
	<b>Recoverable Coal Reserve</b>			<b>Marketable Coal Reserve</b>		
	<b>Proven (Mt)</b>	<b>Probable (Mt)</b>	<b>Proven &amp; Probable (Mt)</b>	<b>Proven (Mt)</b>	<b>Probable (Mt)</b>	<b>Proven &amp; Probable (Mt)</b>
Export Product	349.2	79.5	<b>428.7</b>	185.9	42.7	<b>228.7</b>
Domestic Product	66.2	26.8	<b>93.0</b>	22.5	8.9	<b>31.4</b>
<b>Coalspur Total Reserves</b>	<b>415.4</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>521.7</b>	<b>208.4</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>260.1</b>

The PFS defined a 31 year mine life producing approximately 9.0 million tonnes per annum ("Mtpa") of saleable coal from the processing of approximately 18.0Mtpa of run of mine ("ROM") coal. Initial development costs for the Vista Coal Project are expected to be ~C\$580 million. The Vista Coal Project is able to leverage off already established first world infrastructure, with CN rail facilities located adjacent to the Project that are substantially underutilised and provide a rail track suitable for the transport of coal to deepwater ports with excess capacity that already service the growing demand from the Asian Pacific Rim countries, including China, Japan and Korea.

<b>JORC / NI 43-101 Coal Resources</b>				
	<b>Measured (Mt)</b>	<b>Indicated (Mt)</b>	<b>Measured &amp; Indicated (Mt)</b>	<b>Inferred (Mt)</b>
Vista Coal Project	658.7	326.7	985.4	304.6
Vista South Coal Project	51.5	41.9	93.3	75.0
<b>Coalspur Total Resource</b>	<b>710.2</b>	<b>368.6</b>	<b>1,078.7</b>	<b>379.6</b>

In addition the Company holds leases directly south of the Vista Coal Project named Vista South. The Vista South Project area covers over 23,000 hectares extends for over 25km on each of the northern and southern limb of the Entrance Syncline which the company believes has the potential to host a significant coal resource. First phase drilling in the area together with existing historical information has allowed the Company to define an initial Measured and Indicated Coal Resource of 93 million tonnes. Further drilling and potential resource upgrades are scheduled during 2011 on Vista South.

Coalspur has offices in Calgary and Hinton in Canada as well as in Australia. The Company's goal is to develop a major new thermal export coal region in Alberta to meet growing energy demands worldwide and in particular of the insatiable Asia Pacific market. The Company is dual listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "CPT" and on the Australian Securities Exchange ("ASX") under the symbol "CPL".

## Regulatory Disclosures

For further information regarding the Vista Coal Project and Vista South Project, including a description of Coalspur's quality assurance program, quality control measures, the geology, samples collected and testing procedures in respect of the projects, please refer to the technical report on the Vista Coal Project titled "Vista Coal Project Prefeasibility Study" dated January 25, 2011 and the technical report on the Vista South Project titled "Resource Estimate for the Vista South Coal Property" dated December 15, 2010, which are compliant with National Instrument 43-101 – "Standards of Disclosure for Mineral Projects" ("NI 43-101") and are available for review on SEDAR at [sedar.com](http://sedar.com).

## Competent Person / Qualified Person Statements

The information in this news release that relates to Coal Resources is based on information compiled by Mr. Robert J. Morris, who is a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. Mr. Morris is a full-time employee of Moose Mountain Technical Services, who are consultants to Coalspur. Mr. Morris has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a "Competent Person" as defined in the 2004 Edition of the 'Australasian Code for Reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Ore Reserves' ("JORC Code"), and a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101. Mr. Morris consents to the inclusion of such information in this news release in the form and context in which it appears.

The information in this news release that relates to Coal Reserves is based on information compiled by Mr. Robert Fong, who is a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta. Mr. Fong is an associate of Moose Mountain Technical Services, who are consultants to Coalspur. Mr. Fong has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity he is undertaking to qualify as a "Competent Person" as defined in the 2004 Edition of the JORC Code, and a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101. Mr. Fong consents to the inclusion of such information in this news release in the form and context in which it appears.

All other scientific and technical information in this news release is based on information compiled by Mr. Eugene Wusaty, who is a Member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta. Mr. Wusaty is a full-time employee of Coalspur. Mr. Wusaty has sufficient experience which is relevant to the style of mineralisation and type of deposit under consideration and to the activity which he is undertaking to qualify as a "Competent Person" as defined in the JORC Code, and a "Qualified Person" under NI 43-101. Mr. Wusaty consents to the inclusion of such information in this news release in the form and context in which it appears.

## Forward Looking Statements

This news release contains 'forward-looking information' that is based on the Company's expectations, estimates and projections as of the date on which the statements were made. This forward-looking information includes, among other things, statements with respect to the Company's Pre-Feasibility Study and Bankable Feasibility Study, drilling programs, time lines and completion dates, permits and approvals, business strategy, plans, development, objectives, performance, outlook, growth, cash flow, projections, targets and expectations, mineral reserves and resources, studies, results of exploration and related expenses. Generally, this forward-looking information can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as 'expect', 'potential', 'outlook', 'anticipate', 'project', 'target', 'likely', 'believe', 'estimate', 'intend', 'may', 'would', 'could', 'should', 'scheduled', 'will', 'plan', 'forecast', "evolve" or variations of such terms and similar expressions. Persons reading this news release are cautioned that such statements are only predictions, and that the Company's actual future results or performance may be materially different.

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In making the forward-looking statements the Company has applied several material assumptions which may prove to be incorrect, including, but not limited to, (1) that all required third party approvals will be obtained for the development, construction and production of its properties, (2) there being no significant disruptions affecting operations, whether due to labour disruptions, supply disruptions, power disruptions, damage to equipment or otherwise; (3) permitting, development and expansion proceeding on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (4) currency exchange rates being approximately consistent with current levels; (5) certain price assumptions for coal; (6) production forecasts meeting expectations; (7) the accuracy of the Company's current mineral resource and reserve estimates; (8) labour and materials costs increasing on a basis consistent with the Company's current expectations; (9) that any additional required financing will be available on reasonable terms; and (10) assumptions made and judgments used in engineering and geological interpretation.

There can be no assurance that forward looking statements will prove to be accurate, as actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Accordingly, readers should not place undue reliance on forward looking statements.

The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, estimates or options, future events or results or otherwise, unless required to do so by law.