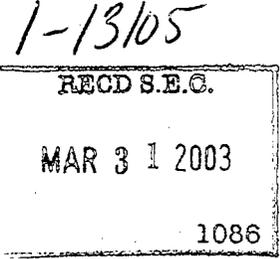


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March 31, 2003

Mr. Brian Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, ARCH COAL, INC., 5% Perpetual Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on March 31, 2003. Tentative listing date – April 2, 2003.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gerard Elardo'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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