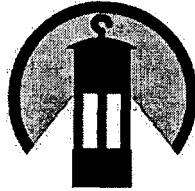


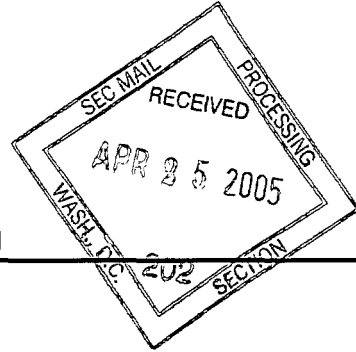


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**GRANDE CACHE COAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES
NOTICE OF RELEASE OF FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL RESULTS**

Calgary, Alberta (GCE-TSX), April 21, 2005 – Grande Cache Coal Corporation ("Grande Cache" or the "Company") announced today that it anticipates releasing its fourth quarter financial results on Monday, May 30, 2005. It is expected that costs will be in line with previously issued cost guidance. Coal sales volume totalled 0.3 million tonnes with 0.1 million tonnes stockpiled in port inventory awaiting customer vessels.

The Company advises that the start-up phase of its operations is nearing completion. Shipments to customers continue on a regular basis and will increase over the next several months. Productivity gains continue to be achieved in the surface mine, the underground mine and the processing facility. The Company is encouraged that rail service is improving and will meet its volume expectations for the fiscal year 2006.

Grande Cache is an Alberta based metallurgical coal mining company whose experienced team of coal professionals is developing a long-term mining operation to produce metallurgical coal for the export market from Grande Cache's coal leases covering over 15,000 hectares in the Smoky River Coalfield located in west-central Alberta. Grande Cache's common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "GCE".

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