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### VTB Capital Plc Joins globalCOAL

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globalCOAL announced today that **VTB Capital Plc** has become the latest Market Member to join its online coal trading platform.

VTB Capital Plc is VTB Group's investment business, with offices in Moscow, London and Singapore. VTB Capital Plc focuses on arranging operations in the debt, equity and global commodities markets, developing private investments, asset management, and advising clients on M&A and equity capital market deals in Russia and abroad.

"We are delighted to welcome VTB Capital to the globalCOAL Membership", said **Eoghan Cunningham, CEO of globalCOAL**. "Their leading position within the Russian financial sector and their access to coal market participants further strengthens globalCOAL's international reach."

VTB Capital Plc is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority in the UK.

About globalCOAL®

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globalCOAL was founded by leading members of the world coal industry to promote screen trading of standardised coal products. The company has developed the world's leading electronic marketplace for thermal coal, as well as a range of standardised coal quality specifications, a Standard Coal Trading Agreement (SCoTA®), and robust methodology for coal price index calculation. globalCOAL is also cooperating with leading energy exchange ICE Futures Europe to develop the coal Futures market. For more information, please visit [www.globalcoal.com](http://www.globalcoal.com)

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