

FORDING CANADIAN COAL TRUST
Form 6-K
March 02, 2005

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 OF

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Dated March 2, 2005

Fording Canadian Coal Trust
(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

Suite 1000, 205-9th Avenue SE

Calgary, Alberta Canada T2G 0R4

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.)

Form 20-F _____

Form 40-F

(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.)

Yes

No

(If is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):
82-_____.

This report furnished on Form 6-K shall be incorporated by reference into each of the Registration Statements under the Securities Act of 1933 of the registrant.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

FORDING CANADIAN COAL TRUST

March 2, 2005

By: /s/ James F. Jones

James F. Jones

Corporate Secretary

Exhibit Index

The following is a list of Exhibits included as part of this Report on Form 6-K.

Description of Exhibit

Number

Fording Announces Annual and Special Meeting

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March 2, 2005

Via Edgar

Securities and Exchange Commission

450 Fifth Street N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20549

RE:

Fording Canadian Coal Trust File NO. 1-15230

Form 6-K Report dated March 2, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of Fording Inc. transmitted herewith for filing under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is the Company's Report on Form 6-K.

Yours truly,

/s/ James F. Jones

James F. Jones

Corporate Secretary

Attachments

News Release

For Immediate Release

FORDING ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETING

Trust Reorganization and Unit Split Proposed

CALGARY, March 2, 2005 - Fording Canadian Coal Trust (TSX: FDG.UN, NYSE: FDG) today announced that its Annual and Special Meeting of Unitholders will be held on May 4, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. (MST) in the Alberta Room of the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Calgary, Alberta. The close of business on March 28, 2005 has been fixed as the Record Date for the determination of those unitholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the meeting.

At the Annual and Special Meeting, unitholders will be asked to approve a three-for-one split of the Trust's units. It is anticipated that the unit split will result in a corresponding reduction in the market price per unit making them more affordable for the average investor.

Unitholders will also be asked to provide conditional approval of a two-step reorganization of the Trust and its subsidiaries. The first step would result in the creation of a flow-through structure which would effectively see distributions from Elk Valley Coal Partnership taxed at the unitholder level. The second step, if undertaken, would be a transaction whereby the Trust would acquire a direct interest in the Elk Valley Coal Partnership.

In addition to unitholder approval, completion of each step of the reorganization is subject to receipt of certain regulatory and third-party approvals. A more detailed description of the reorganization and the required approvals will be contained in the Notice of Meeting and Management Information Circular that will be mailed to unitholders in early April in advance of the Annual and Special Meeting.

About Fording

Fording Canadian Coal Trust is an open-ended mutual fund trust. Through investments in metallurgical coal and industrial minerals mining and processing operations, the Trust makes quarterly cash distributions to unitholders. The Trust, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Fording Inc., holds a 60% interest in the Elk Valley Coal Partnership and is the world's largest producer of the industrial mineral wollastonite. Elk Valley Coal Partnership, comprised of Canada's senior metallurgical coal mining properties, is the world's second largest exporter of metallurgical coal, currently supplying approximately 25 million tonnes of high-quality coal products annually to the international steel industry. The Trust's shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol FDG.UN and on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol FDG.

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Forward-looking Information

Certain information included in this document is of a forward-looking nature. Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, as well as uncertainties and other factors. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those expressed or implied in forward-looking information. Some of the risks, uncertainties and other factors affecting Fording Canadian Coal Trust are discussed in our public filings with the securities regulatory authorities in Canada and the United States. Copies of Fording Canadian Coal Trust's Canadian filings, including our most recent management information circular, annual information form, annual report, quarterly reports, material change reports and news releases, are available online at www.sedar.com, and copies of our U.S. filings, including our most recent annual report on Form 40-F as supplemented by filings on Form 6-K, are available at www.sec.gov. Information in this document is presented as of March 2, 2005 and is subject to change after this date. However, Fording Canadian Coal Trust disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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