

**ATTENTION – WARNING NOTICE**

**About a forged document with respect coal purchase transactions**

Recently we were contacted by a coal trader who said that the trader had received a document from our company entitled "Assigning Letter" in which we supposedly designated the president of another coal trader to act as our agent for coal purchase transactions.

HOWEVER, with respect to coal purchase transactions, please be advised that we DO NOT appoint third party agents to act for or on behalf of our company. All of our coal purchase transactions are handled internally by employees of our company. Therefore, if you receive a letter that states that we have appointed a third party to purchase coal for our company, we confirm that any such document is a forgery and is being sent by unscrupulous individuals or companies.

Any such document is an attempt to defraud you; so, we advise you to NOT correspond or interact with any such individuals or companies. If you have received one or more such documents, please contact us at the following email address: [coal@rikuden.co.jp](mailto:coal@rikuden.co.jp), and provide us with copies of the relevant documents.

Thank you.