

FORDING CANADIAN COAL TRUST

Form 6-K

January 12, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER

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

THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Dated January 9, 2004

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 ___X___

(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 ___X___

(If Yes 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

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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

January 9, 2004

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

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Fording Provides Notice of Release of Financials Results

And Conference Call

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News Release

Suite 1000, 205 Ninth Ave. S.E.
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For Immediate Release

**FORDING PROVIDES NOTICE OF RELEASE OF
FINANCIAL RESULTS AND CONFERENCE CALL**

CALGARY, January 9, 2004 Fording Canadian Coal Trust (TSX: FDG.UN, NYSE: FDG) will release its fourth quarter 2003 results in the afternoon on Monday, February 2, 2004. A conference call to discuss the results will be held for the investment community on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at 8:00 a.m. Mountain time, 10:00 a.m. Eastern time. The media are invited to participate in a listen-only mode.

To participate in the conference call, please dial 1-800-814-4857 or 416-640-1907 approximately 10 minutes prior to the call. An archived recording of the call will be available shortly after the completion of the call through Thursday, February 5, 2004 by dialling 1-877-289-8525 or 416-640-1917 and entering pass code 21033154 followed by the pound key.

A live and archived audio webcast of the conference call will also be available on Fording's website www.fording.ca under Investor Relations, Event Calendar.

Fording Canadian Coal Trust is an open-ended investment 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 65% ownership of the Elk Valley Coal Corporation and is the world's largest producer of the industrial mineral wollastonite. The Elk Valley Coal Corporation, comprised of Canada's senior metallurgical coal mining properties, is the world's second largest exporter of metallurgical coal, capable of supplying approximately 25 million tonnes of high-quality coal products annually to the international steel industry.

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