



Alpha Natural Resources Affiliates Recognized for Safety

ABINGDON, Va., June 24, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Alpha Natural Resources, Inc. (NYSE: ANR), a leading U.S. coal supplier, is pleased to announce that several of its affiliates were recently recognized for safety achievements.

The following Alpha-affiliated operations received the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association award: Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC for the Wyoming No. 1 mine, the Cucumber mine, and the Poplar Ridge Deep No. 1 mine. Simmons Fork Mining, Inc.'s Ewing Fork No. One surface mine was recognized in the surface mining category. The safety award for preparation plants went to Litwar Processing Company and the Camp Creek plant.

Operations acquired by Alpha on June 1, 2011, also received recognition. These include Marfork Coal Company's Allen Powellton mine, White Buck Coal Company's Grassy Creek No. 1 mine, Alex Energy's Edwight surface mine and Mammoth Coal Company's Mammoth processing plant.

The 28th Annual Meeting of the West Virginia State Council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association was held at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, W. Va. The Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association was founded in 1916 to reduce accidents, fatalities and mining-related illnesses in the mining industry.

"We congratulate the winners for a job well done. We are pleased to be recognized for our safety efforts. Safety is a key component and integral part of all levels of the Alpha organization and its Running Right culture. Alpha's affiliates are great examples of how safety and success go hand in hand," said John Gallick, Vice President of Safety and Health.

About Alpha Natural Resources

Alpha Natural Resources is one of America's premier coal suppliers with affiliate coal production capacity of 126 million tons a year. Alpha is a leading supplier and exporter of metallurgical coal used in the steel-making process and is a major supplier of thermal coal to electric utilities and manufacturing industries across the country. The company, through its affiliates, employs approximately 14,000 people and operates more than 150 mines and 40 coal preparation facilities in the regions of Northern and Central Appalachia and the Powder River Basin. More information about Alpha can be found on the company's website at www.alphanr.com.

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