

Arch Coal's Board of Directors Elects Bumbico to Vice President of Safety

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ST. LOUIS (May 1, 2006) – Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) today announced that its board of directors has elected Anthony S. Bumbico to Vice President of Safety.

"We're pleased to recognize Tony's valuable leadership in this way," says John W. Eaves, president and chief operating officer of Arch Coal, Inc. "During Tony's first two years in the company's top safety position, our performance as measured by total incidents has improved by 24 percent. The company and its board are confident that Tony and his entire safety team will continue to work steadily toward our ultimate goal of an accident-free workplace."

Bumbico has served as corporate safety director for Arch Coal since 2004. Prior to Arch, he served as vice president of safety for Horizon Natural Resources, as well as human resources and safety director for AEP Fuel Supply. Bumbico gained valuable coal experience early in his career when he served as an underground coal miner with CONSOL Energy.

In addition to his position with Arch Coal, Bumbico provides industry leadership through his membership on the safety committees for both the National Mining Association and the West Virginia Coal Association. He also authored an article in the N.S.P.I. Journal, "Employee Involvement Impacts Results," relating to employee safety practices in the workplace.

A native of Martins Ferry, Ohio, Bumbico graduated from Ohio University in 1985 with a bachelor of science degree in pre-law. He continued his education at Ohio State University and graduated with his master of arts degree in human resource development in 1992. Bumbico received his certification in Senior Professional/Human Resources in 1993.

St. Louis-based Arch Coal is the second largest coal producer in the United States. Arch Coal's 2005 lost-time safety incident rate was roughly four times better than the industry average as reported by the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Through its subsidiary operations in Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia, Arch Coal provides the fuel for approximately 6% of the electricity generated in the United States.

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