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Office of the President  
June 9, 2009

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY MINING ENGINEERING FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Harry Childress, David W. Gay, Dennis Kennedy, Tom Myers, David Rasnick, and Joseph Sottile and the reappointment of Dell Jagers, Steven Leer, D. L. Lobb, Roy Palk, Fred Parker, D. J. Patton, Drexel Short, Peter Socha, and Jack Whitaker to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation for two-year terms, ending June 30, 2011.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Engineering, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These recommended appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its meeting on December 14, 1982.

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Action taken:     Approved     Disapproved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Bios for Board of Directors  
University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, Inc.

Harry Childress: Mr. Childress is the Government Affairs Agent for Cumberland Resources Corporation. He has worked in various positions in the mining industry including foreman, production superintendent, and mine superintendent. He also worked for 13 years as the Chief of the Division of Mines at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Childress earned a B.S. in Mining Engineering from Virginia Tech in 1974.

David W. Gay: Mr. Gay is the Vice President of Corporate Development for Alpha Natural Resources. He has nearly 30 years of experience in surface and underground coal operations. He earned a B.S. in Mining Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1981 and an MBA from Marshall University in 1991.

Dennis Kennedy: Mr. Kennedy is the Commercial Manager for Mining Chemicals at Georgia-Pacific Chemicals. He has more than 25 years of operational and sales experience in coal preparation and mineral processing at Virginia Iron Coal and Coke, Sherex Chemical Company, Allied Colloids, Freedom Industries, and Georgia-Pacific Chemicals. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Virginia-Wise and is currently pursuing his M.S. in Mining Engineering at Virginia Tech, expecting to complete his studies this summer.

Tom Myers: Mr. Myers is the Assistant Vice President for Mining at Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC where he leads mine planning, environmental permitting and reclamation activities for the phosphate mining operations. He received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1981.

David Rasnick: Mr. Rasnick is the Vice President and Project Manager at Summit Engineering, Inc. He is a registered Professional Engineer in Kentucky, Virginia, and West Virginia and is also active on several environmental committees in Kentucky and West Virginia. He has a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from UK.

Joseph Sottile: Dr. Sottile has been a faculty member in the Mining Engineering Department at the University of Kentucky since 1991. He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Mining Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University after working several years in the mining industry.

Dell Jagers: Mr. Jagers is President of Poplar Ridge Enterprises in Nicholasville, KY. He received degrees from Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky.

Steven R. Leer: Mr. Leer is Chairman of the Board and CEO of Arch Coal. He received degrees from University of the Pacific and Washington University.

D. L. Lobb: Mr. Lobb is a Group Executive for Peabody Energy and is responsible for executive oversight of all the western U.S. Peabody mining operations. He is a 1979 B.S. graduate of the UK Civil Engineering Department with a specialty in Mining Engineering.

Roy Palk: Mr. Palk is a former President of East Kentucky Power in Winchester, Kentucky.

Fred Parker: Mr. Parker is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Kentucky River Coal.

D. J. Patton: Mr. Patton is a charter member of the Mining Engineering Foundation. He received his B.S. in Mining Engineering in 1966 from the University of Kentucky.

Drexel Short: Mr. Short is with Klein Resources in New Haven, West Virginia. He received his degree from the University of Kentucky.

Peter Socha: Mr. Socha is President and CEO of James River Coal Company in Richmond, Virginia.

Jack Whitaker: Mr. Whitaker is Vice President of ECCO Mining Company in Lexington, Kentucky.