

**Arch Coal SVP and CFO to Speak at Bank of America Merrill Lynch Investor Conference on May 12, Live Webcast Available**

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ST. LOUIS, May 5, 2010 -- Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE: ACI) today announced that its Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, John T. Drexler, will speak at the Bank of America Merrill Lynch 2010 Global Metals and Mining Conference in Miami on Wednesday, May 12, 2010.

Interested investors may access a live audio webcast of the event presentation at 11:05 a.m. E.D.T. on May 12 at Arch Coal's Web site at <http://investor.archcoal.com/>. A replay of the webcast also will be available at the same URL for 30 days.

St. Louis-based Arch Coal is the second largest U.S. coal producer. Through its national network of mines, Arch supplies cleaner-burning, low-sulfur coal to U.S. power producers to fuel roughly 8 percent of the nation's electricity. The company also ships coal to domestic and international steel manufacturers as well as international power producers.