

Arch Coal Terminal Completes Expansion

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State-of-the-Art Terminal Now Includes Custom Blending Capabilities

Charleston, W.Va. (April 29, 2004) - Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE: ACI) today announced that its Arch Coal Terminal, located at Milepost 6.8 LDB on the Big Sandy River in Catlettsburg, Ky., has recently completed an expansion effort.

The expanded shipping facilities include a barge unloading system that allows Arch to offload 600 tons of coal or other bulk materials per hour. The enhancements also include the availability of custom coal blending services for Arch and other companies.

"We know of only a handful of barge facilities in the country that can match Arch Coal Terminal's expanded portfolio of services," says Brad Allbritten, president of Arch Coal Sales. "We are continually seeking new and innovative ways to strengthen our quality assurance process and guarantee on-time deliveries."

Arch is uniquely equipped to provide its utility customers with the widest range of coal sourcing options. "Arch is the only U.S. coal company with a significant presence in both eastern and western low-sulfur coal basins," Allbritten said. "With the enhanced capabilities at Arch Coal Terminal, we are able to provide our customers with the most advantageous blends of eastern and western coals, as well as the flexibility to modify those blends as each customer's specific needs change throughout the course of the year."

Arch Coal Terminal continues to feature a 2,500 ton-per-hour loading rate, as well as a 500,000-700,000 ton stockpile capacity and a 20-barge storage capacity.

St. Louis-based Arch Coal is one of the nation's largest coal producers and mines low-sulfur coal exclusively. Through its subsidiary operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, Arch provides the fuel for approximately 6 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. More than 90 percent of Arch's coal goes to U.S. electric utilities and independent power producers.