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## Blaschak Coal Corp. Sets Production and Sales Record for Second Straight Year in 2012

*As global demand for anthracite heats up, Blaschak sees growth opportunities in 2013*

**MAHANOY CITY, PA—February 18, 2013—**For the second year in a row, [Blaschak Coal Corp.](#) has achieved record mine production, experiencing a 33 percent increase in output in 2012.

Last year, the 75-year-old company's "run-of-mine" coal production—the coal that is removed from mines—exceeded 850,000 tons. Blaschak's prepared coal sales were more than 300,000 tons. Additionally, the company generated record sales revenue and profitability.

With global industrial demand for [anthracite coal](#) on the rise and continued strength in some domestic markets, Blaschak expects additional growth in 2013.

“With a difficult global economy at the start of the year, 2013 will be a challenge, but recognition of anthracite as an environmentally beneficial and economical alternative to other sources of carbon in many industrial applications is spreading in the marketplace” said Greg Driscoll, President and CEO of Blaschak Coal Corp. “We’re seeing promising activities in the domestic steel industry, for example, with regard to demand for anthracite.”

Because Blaschak's business model successfully integrates production, processing and distribution, the company is well suited for increasing capacity beyond the record-breaking production levels it has achieved over the last two years.

Since 2011, Blaschak has acquired a new mine site and processing plant in Lattimer, Pa., as well as additional excavating and processing equipment. The company has the current capacity to produce 1 million run-of-mine tons and its processing capability yields up to 450,000 “prepared” tons annually.

Based in the heart of coal country in Northeastern Pennsylvania, Blaschak sits atop one of the largest known anthracite fields in North America. According to the [Pennsylvania Anthracite Council](#), there are 4 to 6 billion tons of reserves of anthracite left in the Northeastern Pennsylvania region.

**About Blaschak Coal Corp.**

**Blaschak Coal Corp.** ([www.blaschakcoal.com](http://www.blaschakcoal.com)) is a miner, preparer and marketer of Pennsylvania anthracite. Blaschak is a market leader and one of the few fully integrated U.S. anthracite companies with a large reserve base, multiple mines, multiple preparation plants, a bagging plant, both rail and truck loading facilities and extensive marketing operations serving a wide range of end markets, including home heating, steel and water filtration.

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