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Blaschak Coal Corporation is Recognized by the James A. Holmes Safety Association with Top Safety Award

Lattimer Operation Completes 61,000 Hours Without a Lost Time Accident in 2012

MAHANOEY CITY, PA – June 5, 2013 – [Blaschak Coal Corp.](#) today announced the company's Lattimer operation has been recognized by the [John A. Holmes Safety Association](#), Pennsylvania State Council in the category of Surface Mine Operations.

Blaschak received the 2012 District Council Group IV Safety Award for Surface Coal Mines, which recognizes safety records of companies, safety organizations, mines, quarries, groups of mines or plants and any operating department. Blaschak received the award for working more than 61,000 hours without a lost time accident in 2012.

Francie Curran, mining superintendent, and Fran Curran Jr., superintendent of processing and logistics, accepted the award on behalf of Blaschak from Joseph Sbaffoni, president of the Pennsylvania State Council of the Holmes Safety Association at the annual awards dinner on May 17, 2013.

"Safety is one of our top priorities and a main point of focus in our everyday activities," said Greg Driscoll, president and CEO of Blaschak Coal Corp. "We are honored to have received this award, and have the hard work and diligence of our entire Lattimer based team recognized in this way."

Blaschak's Lattimer operation, located in Mahanoy City, consists of a surface mine site, which produced more than 450,000 tons of mine anthracite in 2012, and a 200 ton/hour processing plant. The mine site and plant were acquired by Blaschak in 2010. Blaschak's majority owner, Milestone Partners, was the primary investor in the acquisition.

Other Blaschak operations include two additional mine sites located near Mahanoy City—Primrose and Centralia—and a second processing plant located at St. Nicholas Village. 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.

Blaschak is headquartered in Mahanoy City, Schuylkill County, and 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) 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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