## CNX Coal Resources LP Increases 2016 Sold Position to Approximately 93%

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CANONSBURG, December 11, 2015 - <u>CNX Coal Resources LP</u> (NYSE: CNXC) today announced that it has increased the sold position for its 20% undivided ownership interest in Pennsylvania Mining Complex (PMC) for 2016-18 period through a series of long-term deals totaling 1.95 million tons. These agreements along with additional commitments of 130,000 tons increase our sold position to approximately 93%, 61%, and 49% for 2016, 2017 and 2018 respectively, assuming the midpoint of our 2016 sales guidance range of 5.0-5.4 million tons.

Jimmy Brock, Chief Executive Officer of CNX Coal Resources GP, LLC, commented, "I am pleased with the progress our marketing team has made on the contracting front in this challenging market. We are not only able to retain our position as an anchor supplier in our core markets but are also able to make significant inroads in non-traditional markets. In recent months, we have captured market share in Upper Midwest, Ohio River Valley and Southeastern US regions, which were traditionally supplied by other basins." Mr. Brock continued, "From an operational standpoint, these deals effectively baseload our production. When we can operate at these volumes, we have opportunities for improvements in unit costs as well. This demonstrates that our Pennsylvania complex is the premier coal complex in the United States, even under the pressures of weak pricing and stiff regulatory challenges."

CNX Coal Resources, LP also updated its previously announced estimated price range to \$49-\$54 per ton for committed and priced tons in 2016. For 2017 and 2018, where we have committed pricing, the pricing is in steady contango. For sold tons in 2017 and 2018 that are not priced, our agreements are structured so that increases will be realized as natural gas pricing improves and the new market realities begin to bring coal supply and demand into equilibrium.

CNX Coal Resources is a growth-oriented master limited partnership formed by <u>Consol Energy Inc.</u> (NYSE: CNX) to manage and further develop all of CONSOL's active thermal coal operations in Pennsylvania. Its initial assets include a 20% undivided interest in, and operational control over, CONSOL's Pennsylvania mining complex, which consists of three underground mines and related infrastructure. More Information is available on our website www.cnxlp.com

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we disclaim any obligation to update these statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and assumptions about future events. While our management considers these expectations and assumptions to be reasonable, they are inherently subject to significant business, economic, competitive, regulatory and other risks, contingencies and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control. These risks, contingencies and uncertainties relate to, among other matters, the following: generation of sufficient distributable cash flow to support the payment of minimum quarterly distributions; estimated adjusted EBITDA and distributable cash flow are subject to various inherent uncertainties; our acquiring additional undivided interests in the Pennsylvania mining complex or other assets from our sponsor may not occur; uncertainties exist in estimating our economically recoverable coal reserves; our ability to acquire additional coal reserves that are economically recoverable; deterioration in the global economic conditions in any of the industries in which our customers operate, a worldwide financial downturn or negative credit market conditions; decreases in demand for electricity and changes in coal consumption patterns of U.S. electric power generators; a substantial or extended decline in prices we receive for our coal due to volatility, oversupply, weather, availability of alternative fuels or other factors; increased competition within the coal industry, a loss of our competitive position or foreign currency fluctuations affecting the competitiveness of our coal abroad; the risks inherent in coal operations, including the occurrence of unexpected disruptions, geological conditions, environmental hazards, equipment failure, fires, explosions, accidents, security breaches or terroristic acts and weather conditions and we may not be insured or fully insured against such the losses from events; our mines being part of a single mining complex and located in a single geographic area; the delay or disruption of rail services transporting our coal or increased transportation costs for our coal; the occurrence of significant downtime of our major pieces of mining equipment including our preparation plant; our customers extending existing contracts or entering into new long-term contracts for coal; the loss of or significant reduction in purchases by our largest customers; provisions in our multi-year sales contracts may provide limited protection to us during adverse economic conditions, may result in economic penalties to us or permit customer termination of these contracts; our inability to collect payments from customers if their creditworthiness declines; our ability to raise on satisfactory terms the capital or financing needed for our portion of the substantial capital expenditures associated with our mines; our inability to obtain equipment, parts and raw materials in timely manner, in sufficient quantities or at reasonable costs in our coal mining and transportation operations; our inability to integrate future acquisitions and achieve anticipated benefits; restrictions in our revolving credit facility could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operation and ability to make quarterly cash distributions; future debt we incur may limit our flexibility to obtain financing and pursue other business opportunities; increases in interest rates; our ability to make distributions depends upon our cash flow; we may have to coordinate our mining operations with oil and natural gas drillers; we may incur additional costs and delays associated with perfecting title for our coal rights; we rely upon our general partner and employees of our sponsor for management; our mines are operated by a work force that is employed exclusively by our sponsor and our sponsors employees could unionize; we depend upon cash flow generated by our subsidiaries; terrorist attacks or cyber incidents could result in information theft, data corruption and/or financial loss; the impact of potential, as well as any adopted regulations, relating to greenhouse gas emissions on the market for coal, on our operating costs and on the value of our coal assets; electric power generators and other coal users switching to alternative fuels in order to comply with various environmental standards related to coal combustion emissions or due to various incentives to generate electricity from renewable energy sources; our costs could increase and our coal operations could be restricted by the effects of existing and future government environmental regulation; the potential for liabilities arising from environmental contamination or alleged environmental contamination in connection with our past or current coal operations; our obtaining and renewing governmental permits and approvals for our coal operations; the effects of stringent federal and state employee health and safety regulations of our mines, including the ability of regulators to shut down a mine; the effects of our mine closing and reclamation obligations; any termination of our tax treatment as a partnership including as a result of a sale of 50% or more of our capital and profits interests during any 12 month period; our tax positions; the elimination of current U.S. federal income tax preferences available for coal exploration and development; and other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" section of the prospectus included in our registration statement on Form S-1, in the form last filed with the SEC, as well as any periodic report on Form 10-Q that we file with the SEC.

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