

KINGSPORT, Tenn., June 12, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Alpha Natural Resources (ANR, Inc.) announces outstanding safety performance for 2016, with six affiliate operations in West Virginia honored for safety achievements by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association.

The six Alpha affiliates received the Holmes Safety Award, presented to selected mines and mining-related entities by the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association (JAHSA), a nonprofit organization. JAHSA began in 1916 to promote health and safety in the mining industry and consists of representatives from Federal and State Governments, Mining Organizations and Labor.

The following Alpha-affiliated operations in West Virginia received the 2016 West Virginia Holmes Safety Award:

Underground Operations

- Marfork Coal Company, LLC Coon Cedar Grove Mine
- Kingston Mining, Inc. Kingston No. 2 Mine
- Mammoth Coal Company Slabcamp Mine

Surface Operations

- Brooks Run Mining Company, LLC Seven Pines

Preparation Plants and Loadouts

- Delbarton Mining Company, LLC Delbarton Preparation Plant
- Black Castle Mining Company, LLC Homer III (Admiral) Processing

Four of the operations are repeat winners of the Holmes Safety Award. Coon Cedar, Slabcamp, the Delbarton plant and the Homer III/Admiral plant were similarly honored last year.

"We are proud of the safety achievements of our miners," said Brian Keaton, Alpha's Senior Vice President of Safety and Health. "Safety is a value year-round, and getting our employees home safely is paramount, so it is gratifying to see these employees honored for the focus and attention they place on the safety of their fellow employees."

All of these Alpha-affiliated operations received recognition at the State Council's Annual Meeting at the Glade Springs Resort. The West Virginia State Council of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association sponsors the awards to promote safety in West Virginia coal mines and facilities.

About Alpha Natural Resources

Alpha Natural Resources has affiliate mining operations in West Virginia and Kentucky, and supplies metallurgical coal to the steel industry and thermal coal to generate power. Alpha has offices in Kingsport, Tennessee, and Julian, West Virginia, which support approximately 20 active mining operations. Alpha is committed to being a leader in mine safety and an environmental steward in the communities where its affiliates operate. For more information, visit Alpha's website (www.alphanr.com).

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