

Peabody Energy Again Honored by Fortune as One of America's Most Admired Companies

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For the third year in a row, Peabody Energy has been named to Fortune's Most Admired Companies list for 2006. The company placed second in the Mining and Crude Oil Production sector, elevating three places from 2005.

"The 8,300-person Peabody team deserves this recognition, as the company set records for safety, financial performance and shareholder returns in 2005 and continues to outperform the industry," said Peabody President and Chief Executive Officer Gregory H. Boyce. "I am particularly proud that Peabody placed first in its sector for social responsibility, recognizing the company's strong focus on all dimensions of sustainable development."

Peabody placed first or second in its sector in every category, including innovation, people management, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment and quality of products/services.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2005 sales of 240 million tons of coal and \$4.6 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. and 3 percent of worldwide electricity.

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