

Peabody Names Scott N. Durgin Operations Manager for Its Rawhide Mine in the Powder River Basin

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Peabody Energy has named Scott N. Durgin Operations Manager for the Rawhide Mine near Gillette, Wyo. Durgin is responsible for the day-to-day operations activities at the 17 million ton-per-year mine, including safety, continuous improvement, sourcing, environmental management and finance. He reports to Powder River Basin Group Executive D.L. Lobb.

"Scott has broad-based engineering, operations and continuous improvement experience," said Lobb. "I'm confident his leadership will help us continue to execute the basics through safe, low-cost, and productive operations."

Most recently, Durgin served as Senior Manager of Operations Support at Peabody's North Antelope Rochelle Mine, the nation's premier ultra-low sulfur mine. In this position, he helped lead engineering efforts to commission a Bucyrus-Erie 2570 dragline and in-pit conveyor system that together will reduce Peabody's fuel costs by 16 percent and increase productivity by more than 10 percent.

He joined a Peabody subsidiary in 1996 as a mine engineer and has served in multiple mine management positions, including Production Manager at the North Antelope Rochelle Mine and as an Engineering and Environmental Manager at Peabody's Caballo Mine.

Durgin holds both a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering and a Master of Science in Technical Management from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. Durgin serves on the Mining Engineering and Management Program Industrial Advisory Board of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology and is a member of Society of Mining Engineers and Society of Explosive Engineers.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2006 sales of 248 million tons of coal and \$5.3 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. electricity generation and more than 2 percent of worldwide electricity.

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