

## Peabody Energy Names Richard Robison Senior Vice President - Continuous Improvement

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ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8, 2011 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Peabody Energy announced today that Richard Robison has been named Senior Vice President – Continuous Improvement. Based in St. Louis, he will be responsible for advancing best practices and enhancing margins across the company's global network of operations. In this role, Robison will guide the company's Centers of Excellence, which use team-based approaches to promote best-in-class practices for operations activities.

Robison has more than three decades of operations experience. Most recently, he served as Vice President – Continuous Improvement and prior to that Vice President – Capital and Performance Management. In these positions, he assisted mines in achieving significant productivity improvements while optimizing costs. Robison joined Peabody in 1996 as Director – Business Development and has assumed positions of increasing responsibility since that time, serving in vice president roles in mining decision support and process improvement. Previously, his career included management and operations positions at mines in Wyoming, Colorado and Utah in the United States, as well as in Queensland, Australia.

Robison has his Professional Engineer registration in Colorado as well as his First-Class Mine Manager's Certificate in Australia; he is a member of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration. Robison holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering from the University of Utah.

Peabody Energy (NYSE: BTU) is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in clean coal solutions. With 2010 sales of 246 million tons and nearly \$7 billion in revenues, Peabody fuels 10 percent of U.S. power and 2 percent of worldwide electricity.

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