

Peabody Energy's Twentymile and Cottage Grove Mines Honored with President's Safety Awards for Top Performance

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7, 2013 – Peabody Energy today announced that its Twentymile and Cottage Grove mines have earned President's Safety Awards for achieving the company's best U.S. safety performance for underground and surface operations in 2012. These operations helped drive the best safety results in Peabody's 130-year history.

Twentymile employees were recognized for achieving a 0.96 incident rate, a new record for Peabody underground operations. Twentymile's safety rate is less than one-third the U.S. average for all coal mines, based on the latest data. This year's award marks the third time Twentymile achieved the President's award since 2005. Twentymile is located in Routt County, Colo., and employs approximately 500 workers.

The Cottage Grove Mine has achieved more than 17 months without a reportable injury and is among four Peabody operations that have operated more than one year incident free.

Recognized for excellence in safety and stewardship, Cottage Grove also was honored by the U.S. Department of the Interior for restoration of prime farmland this past year. Cottage Grove is located in Saline County, Ill., and employs more than 150 workers.

"Twentymile and Cottage Grove set a high standard for excellence in safety," said Peabody Energy – Americas President Kemal Williamson. "I'm proud of our employees for working toward our safety vision of zero incidents of any kind. Every worker deserves to go home safely every day."

Globally, Peabody achieved a 1.82 safety rate per 200,000 hours worked, a 9 percent improvement from 2011 levels. The President's Award for Safety is Peabody's highest safety honor for its Americas platform.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company and a global leader in sustainable mining and clean coal solutions. The company serves metallurgical and thermal coal customers in more than 25 countries on six continents. For further information, go to PeabodyEnergy.com and CoalCanDoThat.com.
