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JOHN W. EAVES

President and Chief Executive Officer

March 12, 2013

Dear fellow stockholder:

You are cordially invited to attend our annual meeting of stockholders on Thursday, April 25, 2013. We will hold the meeting at 8:00 a.m., Mountain time, at the Wright Hotel, located at 300 Reata Drive, Wright, Wyoming 82732.

In connection with the annual meeting, we have enclosed a notice of the meeting, a proxy statement and a proxy card. We have also enclosed a copy of our annual report for 2012 which contains detailed information about us and our operating and financial performance.

I hope that you will be able to attend the meeting, but I know that not every stockholder will be able to do so. Whether or not you plan to attend, I encourage you to vote your shares. You may vote by telephone or via the Internet, or complete, sign and return the enclosed proxy card in the postage-prepaid envelope, also enclosed. The prompt execution of your proxy will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support of Arch Coal. We look forward to seeing you on April 25th.

Sincerely,

JOHN W. EAVES

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March 12, 2013

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS
To Be Held April 25, 2013**

The annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Arch Coal, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be held at the Wright Hotel, located at 300 Reata Drive, Wright, Wyoming on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 8:00 a.m., Mountain time, to:

- (1) Elect the three nominees for director named in the attached proxy statement;
- (2) Approve the Arch Coal, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly known as the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan), a copy of which is attached to the accompanying proxy statement as Appendix A;
- (3) Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013;
- (4) Vote on an advisory resolution to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation; and
- (5) Consider any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

The close of business on March 1, 2013 has been fixed as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. As of the record date, there were 212,268,294 shares of common stock outstanding. If you own shares of common stock as of March 1, 2013, you may vote those shares via the Internet, by telephone or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. If you received your proxy materials by mail, you may also vote your shares by completing and mailing your proxy/voting instruction card.

An admittance card or other proof of ownership is required to attend the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, please retain the admission card printed on your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or your proxy card for this purpose. Also, please indicate your intention to attend the Annual Meeting by checking the appropriate box on the proxy card, or, if voting by the Internet or by telephone, when prompted. If you have shares held by a bank or broker, you will need to ask that record holder for an admission card in the form of a confirmation of beneficial ownership. If you do not receive a

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confirmation of beneficial ownership or other admittance card from your bank or broker, you must bring proof of share ownership (such as a copy of the brokerage statement) to the Annual Meeting.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please cast your vote by telephone or the Internet. If you received a proxy card by mail, you may complete, date and sign the proxy card and return it in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors

ROBERT G. JONES

Senior Vice President-Law, General Counsel and Secretary

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PROXY SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained in this Proxy Statement. The summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Time and date: 8:00 a.m. Mountain time, April 25, 2013

Place: Wright Hotel
300 Reata Drive
Wright, Wyoming 82732

Record Date: March 1, 2013

Voting: Stockholders as of the record date are entitled to vote. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote for each director nominee and one vote for each of the other proposals.

Voting items (with board recommendations in parentheses)

Election of three directors (FOR EACH NOMINEE)

Approval of the Arch Coal, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly known as the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan) (FOR)

Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013 (FOR)

Advisory resolution to approve named executive compensation (FOR)

Board nominees

Paul T. Hanrahan, Chief Executive Officer, American Capital Infrastructure Management, LLC, and former President and Chief Executive Officer, The AES Corporation. Director since 2012.

Steven F. Leer, Chairman of the Board of Directors, Arch Coal, Inc., and former Chief Executive Officer, Arch Coal, Inc. Director since 1992.

Theodore D. Sands, President, HAAS Capital, LLC, and former Managing Director, Investment Banking for Global Metals/Mining Group, Merrill Lynch & Co. Director since 1999.

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Other directors

Term expiring in 2014

John W. Eaves, President and Chief Executive Officer, Arch Coal, Inc. Director since 2006.

Douglas H. Hunt, Director of Acquisitions, Petro-Hunt, LLC. Director since 1995.

J. Thomas Jones, Chief Executive Officer, West Virginia United Health System. Director since 2010.

George C. Morris III, President, Morris Energy Advisors, Inc., and former Managing Director, Merrill Lynch & Co. Director since 2012.

*A. Michael Perry, Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bank One, West Virginia, N.A. Director since 1998.

*Mr. Perry will be retiring immediately after the Annual Meeting.

Term expiring in 2015

Governor David D. Freudenthal, Senior Counsel, Crowell & Moring, LLC, and former Governor, State of Wyoming. Director since 2011.

Patricia F. Godley, Senior Counsel and Consultant, Van Ness Feldman. Director since 2004.

Wesley M. Taylor, Former President, TXU Generation. Director since 2005.

Peter I. Wold, President, Wold Oil Properties, Inc., and Director, Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. New York Board. Director since 2010.

Key elements of our compensation program

Pay for performance. A significant portion of compensation is tied to key performance-based metrics of Arch Coal, Inc. For a discussion on the performance-based metrics used, please see the discussion under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," beginning on page 37.

Mix of short-term and long-term incentives. Our incentive program has a mix of annual and long-term incentives.

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Award caps. There are maximum limits on the short-term and long-term performance based awards.

Share ownership requirements. We have in place stock ownership requirements for our senior officers and directors. During 2012, the share ownership requirement for our Chief Executive Officer was increased to five-times base salary.

New change-in-control agreements. In 2012, each senior officer amended and restated their change-in-control agreement to eliminate tax gross-up provisions.

Independent compensation consulting firm. The Personnel and Compensation Committee utilizes an independent compensation consulting firm, which provides no other services to the Company.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

When and Where Is the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders Being Held?

The 2013 annual meeting of stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Arch Coal, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Arch" or the "Company"), will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2012. The Annual Meeting will be held at 8:00 a.m., Mountain time, at the Wright Hotel, located at 300 Reata Drive, Wright, Wyoming 82732.

Why Did I Receive a Notice in the Mail Regarding the Internet Availability of Proxy Materials This Year Instead of a Full Set of Proxy Materials?

In accordance with the rules and regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), instead of mailing a printed copy of our proxy materials to each stockholder of record, we may furnish proxy materials, including this proxy statement and the Arch 2012 Annual Report, by providing access to them via the Internet. We believe this allows us to provide our stockholders with the information they need, while lowering the costs.

Most stockholders will not receive printed copies of the proxy materials unless they request them. Instead, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") was mailed that will tell you how to access and review all of the proxy materials on the Internet. The Notice also tells you how to submit your proxy on the Internet or by telephone. If you would like to receive a paper or email copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting them in the Notice. We began providing access to this proxy statement and a form of proxy card on or about March 12, 2013.

Who May Vote at the Annual Meeting?

Stockholders of the Company at the close of business on March 1, 2013, the record date for the Annual Meeting, are entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting. On the record date, Arch had 212,268,294 shares of common stock outstanding.

Who Can Attend the Annual Meeting?

All Arch stockholders on the record date are invited to attend the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder planning to attend the Annual Meeting will be asked to present valid photo identification, such as a driver's license or passport. In addition, each stockholder must present his or her admission card, or other proof of ownership. Your admission card is printed on the Notice or attached to your proxy card or voting instruction form.

If you own shares in street name, you will need to ask your bank or broker for an admission card in the form of a confirmation of beneficial ownership. You will need to bring a confirmation of beneficial ownership with you to vote at the Annual Meeting. If you do not receive your confirmation of beneficial ownership in time, please bring your most recent brokerage statement with you to the Annual Meeting. We can use that to verify your ownership of common stock and admit you to the meeting. The Company

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reserves the right to deny admittance to anyone who cannot adequately show proof of share ownership as of the record date.

No cameras, camcorders, videotaping equipment, other recording devices or large packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting. Photographs and/or video may be taken by Arch employees or independent contractors at the Annual Meeting, and those photographs and video images may be used by Arch. By attending the Annual Meeting, you will be agreeing to Arch's use of those images and waive any claim or rights with respect to those images and their use.

What Items Will Be Voted On at the Annual Meeting?

Stockholders will vote on four items at the Annual Meeting:

The election of three director nominees to the board of directors (the "Board") of the Company (Proposal No. 1);

The approval of the Arch Coal, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly known as the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan) (Proposal No. 2);

The ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013 (Proposal No. 3); and

An advisory resolution to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation (Proposal No. 4).

What Are the Board's Voting Recommendations?

The Board recommends you vote your shares:

"FOR" each of the director nominees to the Board (Proposal No. 1);

"FOR" the approval of the Arch Coal, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly known as the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan) (Proposal No. 2);

"FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as our independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013 (Proposal No. 3); and

"FOR" the advisory resolution to approve the Company's named executive officer compensation (Proposal No. 4).

How Do I Vote?

If you are a registered stockholder, there are four different ways you can vote:

By Internet You can vote over the Internet at www.proxyvote.com by following the instructions provided (you will need the Control Number from the Notice or proxy card you receive).

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By Telephone You can vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number indicated on your proxy card or voting instruction card (you will need the Control Number from the Notice or proxy card you receive).

By Mail If you received your proxy materials by mail, you can vote by signing, dating and returning the accompanying proxy card.

In Person You can vote in person by written ballot at the Annual Meeting.

When your proxy is properly submitted, your shares will be voted as you indicate. If you do not indicate your voting preference, the appointed proxies (John W. Eaves and Robert G. Jones) will vote your shares FOR Proposal Nos. 1 - 4. If your shares are owned in joint names, all joint owners must vote by the same method, and if joint owners vote by mail, all of the joint owners must sign the proxy card. The deadline for voting by telephone or via the Internet, except with respect to shares held through the Arch Coal, Inc. Employee Thrift Plan as described below, is 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, on the day before the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares held in street name, follow the instructions provided by your nominee to vote your shares. In most instances, you will be able to vote by the same methods as indicated above. You must have a legal proxy from the stockholder of record in order to vote the shares in person at the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held through the Arch Coal, Inc. Employee Thrift Plan, you may also vote as set forth above, except that Plan participants may not vote their Plan shares in person at the Annual Meeting. If you provide voting instructions by Internet, telephone or written proxy card, Mercer Trust Company, the Plan's Trustee, will vote your shares as you have directed. If you do not provide specific voting instructions, the Trustee will vote your shares in the same proportion as shares for which the Trustee has received instructions. Please note that you must submit voting instructions to the Trustee no later than April 22, 2013 at 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, in order for your shares to be voted by the Trustee at the Annual Meeting.

May I Change My Vote?

You may revoke your proxy and change your vote at any time before the voting deadline for the Annual Meeting. After your initial vote, you may vote again on a later date any time prior to the Annual Meeting via the Internet or by telephone (only your latest Internet or telephone proxy submitted prior to the voting deadline for the Annual Meeting will be counted), by signing and returning a new proxy card or voting instruction form with a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. However, your attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke your proxy unless you vote again at the Annual Meeting or specifically request in writing that your prior proxy be revoked.

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How Many Votes Do I Have?

You have one vote for each share of our common stock that you owned at the close of business on the record date. These shares include:

Shares registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, for which you are considered the "stockholder of record;"

Shares held for you as the beneficial owner through a broker, bank, or other nominee in "street name;" and

Shares credited to your account in the Arch Coal, Inc. Employee Thrift Plan.

Is My Vote Confidential?

Yes. Voting tabulations are confidential except in extremely limited circumstances. Such limited circumstances include contested solicitation of proxies, when disclosure is required by law, to defend a claim against us or to assert a claim by us and when a stockholder's written comments appear on a proxy or other voting material.

What Are Broker Non-Votes and How Are They Counted?

A broker non-vote occurs when a broker, bank, or other nominee holding shares on behalf of a beneficial owner is prohibited from exercising discretionary voting authority for a beneficial owner who has not provided voting instructions. Brokers, banks, and other nominees may vote without instruction only on "routine" proposals. On "non-routine" proposals, nominees cannot vote without instructions from the beneficial owner, resulting in so-called "broker non-votes." Proposal No. 3, the ratification of Ernst & Young, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, is the only routine proposal on the ballot for the Annual Meeting. All other proposals are non-routine. If you hold your shares with a broker, bank, or other nominee, they will not be voted on non-routine proposals unless you give voting instructions to such nominee. Broker non-votes are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum at the meeting, but are not counted for purposes of determining the number of shares present and entitled to vote on non-routine matters.

What Is the Voting Requirement To Approve Each of the Proposals?

For Proposal No. 1, the three nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares entitled to be voted will be elected as directors to serve until their terms expire and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Abstentions are not counted for the purpose of the election of directors, and neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will have any effect on the voting results.

Approval of Proposal No. 2 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the Annual Meeting; and the total vote cast on the proposal also must represent over 50% in interest of all of our securities entitled to vote on the proposal in order for the proposal to be approved. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not treated as votes cast. Accordingly, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the effect of votes against the proposal to the extent that the

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total vote cast on the proposal does not represent over 50% in interest of all of our securities entitled to vote on the proposal but otherwise will not affect the outcome of the voting on Proposal No. 2.

Approval of Proposal No. 3 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not treated as votes cast. Accordingly, neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will affect the outcome of the voting on Proposal No. 3.

Approval of Proposal No. 4 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the Annual Meeting. The vote on Proposal No. 4, the approval of the Company's named executive officer compensation, is a non-binding advisory vote only. Abstentions and broker non-votes are not treated as votes cast. Accordingly, neither abstentions nor broker non-votes will affect the outcome of the voting on Proposal No. 4.

If a submitted proxy does not specify how to vote, the shares represented by that proxy will be considered to be voted in favor of Proposal Nos. 1 - 4. Unless a shareholder checks the box on the proxy card or provides instructions to withhold discretionary voting authority, the appointed proxies may use their discretion to vote on any other matters properly brought before the meeting. As of the date of this proxy statement, we know of no other matter that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting other than those matters discussed in this proxy statement.

What "Quorum" Is Required for the Annual Meeting?

In order to have a valid stockholder vote, a quorum must exist at the Annual Meeting. For the Company, a quorum exists when stockholders holding a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock are present or represented at a meeting. For these purposes, shares that are present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting will be counted toward a quorum, regardless of whether the holder of the shares or proxy fails to vote on a particular matter or whether a broker with discretionary voting authority fails to exercise such authority with respect to any particular matter.

What Is Householding?

As permitted by the SEC, we may only deliver one copy of this proxy statement to stockholders residing at the same address, unless the stockholders have notified the Company of their desire to receive multiple copies of the proxy statement. This is known as householding.

The Company will promptly deliver, upon request, a separate copy of the proxy statement to any stockholder residing at an address to which only one copy was mailed. Requests for additional copies for the current year or future years should be directed to the Secretary, Arch Coal, Inc., One CityPlace Drive., Suite 300, St. Louis, Missouri, 63141, or by telephone at (314) 994-2700.

Where Can I Find the Voting Results?

We intend to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. We will publish the final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we expect to file within four business days after the Annual Meeting is held. You can obtain a copy of the Form 8-K by logging on to our website at archcoal.com, by calling the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) at 800-SEC-0330 for the location of the nearest public reference room, or through the EDGAR system at sec.gov. Information on our website does not constitute part of this proxy statement.

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DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES

Overview

Arch is dedicated to being a global leader in the coal industry and to creating superior long-term stockholder value. It is our policy to conduct our business with integrity and an unrelenting passion for providing the best value to our customers. All of our corporate governance materials, including the *Corporate Governance Guidelines*, our *Code of Business Conduct* and our board committee charters, are published under "Corporate Governance" in the Investors section of our website at archcoal.com. Information on our website does not constitute part of this proxy statement. The Board regularly reviews these materials, Delaware law, the rules and listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and SEC regulations, as well as best practices suggested by recognized governance authorities, and modifies the materials as warranted.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for a Board that is divided into three classes as equal in size as possible. The classes have three-year terms, and the term of one class expires each year in rotation at that year's annual meeting. The size of the Board can be changed by a two-thirds vote of its members. There are currently 12 members of the Board:

John W. Eaves	Steven F. Leer
David D. Freudenthal	George C. Morris III
Patricia Fry Godley	*A. Michael Perry
Paul T. Hanrahan	Theodore D. Sands
Douglas H. Hunt	Wesley M. Taylor
J. Thomas Jones	Peter I. Wold

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Mr. Perry will be retiring from the Board immediately after the Annual Meeting.

The Board met nine times during 2012. Each current director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of all of the meetings of the Board and committees on which he or she served and attended the Company's 2012 annual stockholders meeting. Under the Company's *Corporate Governance Guidelines*, each director is expected to spend the time needed and meet as frequently as necessary to properly perform his or her duties and responsibilities, including attending annual and special meetings of the stockholders, the Board and committees of which he or she is a member.

Corporate Governance Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct

Corporate Governance Guidelines

The Board has adopted *Corporate Governance Guidelines*, which set forth a framework within which the Board, assisted by its committees, directs the affairs of the Company. These *Guidelines* address, among other items, the composition and functions of the Board, director independence, stock ownership by and compensation of directors, and director qualification standards.

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Code of Conduct

The Company has adopted the *Code of Business Conduct*, which is applicable to all employees of the Company, including the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer and the principal accounting officer, as well as all directors of the Company.

The *Corporate Governance Guidelines* and the *Code of Business Conduct* are available on the Company's website under the "Corporate Governance" heading in the "Investors" section at archcoal.com and in print to any stockholder who requests them from the Company's Secretary. We intend to post amendments to or waivers from (to the extent applicable to one of our directors or executive officers) the *Code of Business Conduct* at the same location on our website. Information on our website does not constitute part of this proxy statement.

Director Independence

It is the Board's objective to have a substantial number of directors who are independent. The *Corporate Governance Guidelines* incorporate the criteria established by the New York Stock Exchange to assist the Board in determining whether a director is independent. The Board has determined, in its judgment, that all but two members, Steven F. Leer and John W. Eaves, meet the New York Stock Exchange standards for independence. The independent members of the Board meet regularly without any members of management present. These sessions are normally held following or in conjunction with regular Board meetings.

All members of our Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance and Personnel and Compensation Committees must be independent directors in accordance with our *Corporate Governance Guidelines*. Members of the Audit Committee must also satisfy a separate SEC independence requirement, which provides that they may not accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from us or any of our subsidiaries other than their directors' compensation.

Leadership Structure

Mr. Leer has served as the chairman of our Board since being appointed as chairman in April 2006, and served as chief executive officer of the Company until his retirement from that position in April 2012. The Board has no fixed policy with respect to the separation of the offices of chairman and chief executive officer. Instead, the Board retains the discretion to make this determination on a case-by-case basis from time to time as it deems to be in the best interest of the Company and our stockholders at any given time. The Company's current structure is that Mr. Leer continues to serve as chairman of the Board, and Mr. Eaves serves as chief executive officer of the Company. In weighing the structure of the chairman's role, the Board believed that continuing to appoint Mr. Leer as chairman of the Board was appropriate because of Mr. Leer's deep knowledge of the Company, and continued service as a liaison between the Board and management.

In addition, the *Corporate Governance Guidelines* provide that, if the chairman of the Board is the chief executive officer, or is not an independent director, the independent directors of the Board shall elect a lead

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director to lead executive session meetings of the independent members of the Board. James R. Boyd was the Board's lead director until his resignation from the Board in February 2013. Wesley M. Taylor has been appointed as the lead director of the Board, beginning February 2013.

The entire Board is responsible for oversight of the Company's risk management processes. Our Vice President of Enterprise Risk Management oversees risk management efforts, provides periodic reports to the Board's Audit Committee and provides reports to our Board at least once per year. In addition, the Board and its standing committees periodically request supplemental information or reports as they deem appropriate.

Director Qualifications, Diversity and Biographies

The *Corporate Governance Guidelines* provide that our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board will nominate candidates for our board of directors who possess the following principal qualities: strength of character, an inquiring and independent mind, practical wisdom, and mature judgment. In addition to these qualities, the selection criteria for nomination include recognized achievement, an ability to contribute to some aspect of our business, and the willingness to make the commitment of time and effort required of a director.

As described in more detail below, our Board believes that each of our directors meets such criteria and has attributes and experience that make him or her well qualified to serve. While we do not have a formal diversity policy, in order to find the most valuable talent available to meet these criteria, our Board generally considers candidates diverse in geographic origin, gender, ethnic background, and professional experience (private, public, and non-profit), pursuant to our *Corporate Governance Guidelines*. Our goal is to include members with the skills and characteristics that, taken together, will assure a strong Board.

Our directors have diverse backgrounds and provide experience and expertise in a number of critical areas. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers the particular experience, attributes, reputation and qualifications of directors standing for re-election and potential nominees for election, as well as the needs of our Board as a whole and its individual committees. In nominating candidates for election by our stockholders, both the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board act pursuant to these guidelines. Both the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board assess the effectiveness of corporate governance policies, including with respect to diversity, through completion of an annual evaluation process.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has identified nine areas of expertise that are particularly relevant to service on the Board and has identified the directors whose key areas of expertise qualify them for each of the listed categories. The categories identified by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are:

CEO/Senior Management Experience working as a chief executive officer or senior officer of a major public or private company or non-profit entity.

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Energy Extensive knowledge and experience in the energy industry, either as a senior executive of an energy company, as a senior executive of a customer of an energy company or through legal or regulatory experience on energy matters.

Environmental and Safety A thorough understanding of safety and environmental issues and energy industry regulations.

Finance and Accounting Senior executive-level experience in financial accounting and reporting, auditing, corporate finance and/or internal controls.

Governance/Board Prior or current experience as a board member of a major organization (private, public or non-profit).

Government Relations Experience in or a strong understanding of the workings of government and public policy on a local, state and national level.

Human Resources and Compensation Senior executive-level experience or membership on a board compensation committee with an extensive understanding of compensation programs, particularly compensation programs for executive-level employees and incentive based compensation programs.

Marketing Senior executive-level experience in marketing combined with a strong working knowledge of our markets, customers and strategy.

Strategic Planning Senior executive-level experience in strategic planning for a major public, private or non-profit entity.

The following is a list of our directors, their ages as of March 1, 2013, their occupation during the last five years and certain other biographical information, including the areas of expertise where each director or nominee is most skilled:

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CLASS I DIRECTORS WHO ARE UP FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Director	Areas of Expertise	Occupation and Other Information
Paul T. Hanrahan Age 55 Director since 2012	CEO/Senior Management Energy Environmental & Safety Finance and Accounting Governance/Board Government Relations Marketing Human Resources and Compensation Strategic Planning	Since October 2012, Mr. Hanrahan has served as the Chief Executive Officer of American Capital Infrastructure Management, LLC, a company which invests in global energy infrastructure assets. From 2002 until 2011, Mr. Hanrahan served as President and Chief Executive Officer of The AES Corporation, a global power company headquartered in Arlington, Virginia, and as its Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 2000 to 2002. Mr. Hanrahan also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of AES China Generating Co. for more than five years. He currently serves on the boards of Ingredion Incorporated, Seven Seas Water Corporation, and GreatPoint Energy, Inc.

Mr. Hanrahan contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain through his current position as Chief Executive Officer of a company investing in energy infrastructure assets, as well as his former senior management positions with The AES Corporation. Serving in these capacities has provided Mr. Hanrahan with a strong understanding of the energy industry and the regulatory issues our clients face. In addition, Mr. Hanrahan brings to our Board experience in leading public companies as they expand internationally, having served as the Chief Executive Officer of a global public company. Finally, Mr. Hanrahan's experience serving on other boards provides him with valuable governance and oversight experience.

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Director	Areas of Expertise	Occupation and Other Information
Steven F. Leer Age 60 Director since 1992	CEO/Senior Management Energy Environmental and Safety Finance and Accounting Governance/Board Government Relations Marketing Human Resources and Compensation Strategic Planning	<p>Mr. Leer has been the Chairman of our board of directors since 2006. From 1992 until April 2012, Mr. Leer served as our Chief Executive Officer, and from 1992 to 2006, Mr. Leer also served as our President. Mr. Leer also serves on the boards of the Norfolk Southern Corporation, USG Corp., Parsons Corporation, the University of the Pacific, Washington University and is past chairman of the Coal Industry Advisory Board. Mr. Leer is past chairman of the boards of the Center for Energy and Economic Development, the National Coal Council and the National Mining Association.</p> <p>Mr. Leer contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his position as Chairman of the Company and as the prior Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As a prior Chief Executive Officer of the Company and as the Company's Chairman, Mr. Leer has in-depth knowledge of all aspects of the Company's business and close working relationships with all of the Company's senior executives.</p>
Theodore D. Sands Age 67 Director since 1999	Energy Finance and Accounting Governance/Board Human Resources and Compensation Strategic Planning	<p>Since 1999, Mr. Sands has served as President of HAAS Capital, LLC, a private consulting and investment company. Mr. Sands served as Managing Director, Investment Banking for the Global Metals/Mining Group of Merrill Lynch & Co. from 1982 until 1999. Mr. Sands has also served as a member of the board of directors for several other companies.</p> <p>Mr. Sands contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his prior role at Merrill Lynch and as the head of a private investment company. In leading an investment company in today's economy, Mr. Sands has a strong understanding of the financial hurdles public companies face, as well as an in-depth knowledge of the various financing avenues available for a company. In addition, his past experience as a board member for several other companies adds valuable prior oversight experience to our existing board of directors.</p>

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THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OF DIRECTORS ARE NOT UP FOR ELECTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

CLASS II DIRECTORS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AT THE 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

Director	Areas of Expertise	Occupation and Other Information
<p>John W. Eaves Age 55 Director since 2006</p>	<p>CEO/Senior Management Energy Environmental and Safety Governance/Board Government Relations Marketing Human Resources and Compensation Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Mr. Eaves currently serves as our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Eaves served as our President and Chief Operating Officer from 2006 until he was elected as our Chief Executive Officer in April 2012. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Eaves served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Eaves is currently the chairman of the National Coal Council, and also serves on the boards of COALOGIX, National Mining Association, the Business Roundtable, the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity and the Business Council.</p> <p>Mr. Eaves contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his position as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. As President and Chief Executive Officer, and as a result of the experience he has gained during his tenure with the Company, Mr. Eaves has intimate knowledge of all aspects of the Company's business and close working relationships with all of the Company's senior executives. In addition, Mr. Eaves has an extensive understanding of the Company's industry and customer base.</p>
<p>Douglas H. Hunt Age 60 Director since 1995</p>	<p>CEO/Senior Management Energy Environmental and Safety Finance & Accounting Human Resources and Compensation Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Since 1995, Mr. Hunt has served as Director of Acquisitions of Petro-Hunt, LLC, a private oil and gas exploration and production company.</p> <p>Mr. Hunt contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his long-time position as a senior officer for Petro-Hunt, LLC. As Director of Acquisitions of Petro-Hunt, LLC, Mr. Hunt has significant experience as a senior officer in the energy industry and in the strategic planning of companies as they look to grow their business.</p>

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Director

J. Thomas Jones
Age 63
Director since 2010

Areas of Expertise

CEO/Senior Management
Finance & Accounting
Governance/Board
Government Relations
Human Resources and
Compensation
Strategic Planning

Occupation and Other Information

Mr. Jones has been Chief Executive Officer of West Virginia United Health System located in Fairmont, West Virginia since 2002. From 2000 to 2002, Mr. Jones served as Chief Executive Officer of Genesis Hospital System in Huntington, West Virginia. Mr. Jones is also a director of Premier, Inc. and Health Partners Network.

Mr. Jones contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his services as Chief Executive Officer of health systems in the State of West Virginia. Being in charge of companies in a heavily regulated industry, Mr. Jones brings the valuable experience of assisting a company navigate through an ever changing regulatory background. In addition, as a senior officer, Mr. Jones brings strong experience in handling key financial decisions for the long-term benefit of a company.

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Director

George C. Morris III
Age 57
Director since 2012

Areas of Expertise

CEO/Senior Management
Energy
Finance and Accounting
Governance/Board
Strategic Planning

Occupation and Other Information

Since March 2009, Mr. Morris has served as President of Morris Energy Advisors, Inc., and its successor Morris Energy Advisors, LLC. From 2006 until his retirement in March 2009, Mr. Morris served as a managing director at Merrill Lynch & Co. Prior to 2006, Mr. Morris served as a managing director of investment banking at Petrie Parkman & Co. until its acquisition by Merrill Lynch & Co. in 2006, and also previously served as a managing director of investment banking at Simmons & Company International, as a director of investment banking at Merrill Lynch & Co., and as a director of investment banking at The First Boston Corporation. Mr. Morris also serves on the board of directors of Calumet GP, LLC, the general partner of Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P.

Mr. Morris contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his experience and roles with a variety of investment companies, including his most recent role as a managing director at Merrill Lynch & Co. His experience in advising clients of investment companies provides Mr. Morris with a strong understanding of the financial hurdles public companies face, including the various financing avenues available for a company. In addition, his board member experience adds additional valuable management and oversight knowledge to our Board.

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Director

*A. Michael Perry
Age 76
Director since 1998

Areas of Expertise

CEO/Senior Management
Energy
Finance and Accounting
Governance/Board
Government Relations
Strategic Planning

Occupation and Other Information

Mr. Perry served as Chairman of Bank One, West Virginia, N.A. from 1993 and as its Chief Executive Officer from 1983 until his retirement in 2001. Mr. Perry also serves on the board of directors of Champion Industries, Inc.

Mr. Perry contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his service with Bank One, West Virginia, N.A., together with his membership on other boards. As a result of this experience, Mr. Perry brings to the Board a strong finance and accounting background, and has experience in handling, as a senior executive in charge of a financial institution and as a board member of other companies, the long-term strategic planning of a corporation.

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Mr. Perry will be retiring from the Board immediately after the Annual Meeting.

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CLASS III DIRECTORS WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AT THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING

Director	Areas of Expertise	Occupation and Other Information
Governor David D. Freudenthal Age 62 Director since 2011	CEO/Senior Management Energy Governance/Board Government Relations Strategic Planning	<p>Since June 2011, Governor Freudenthal has been Senior Counsel with the law firm of Crowell & Moring, LLC. Governor Freudenthal served as the Governor of Wyoming from 2003 until January 2011. Prior to his service as Governor, he served as U.S. Attorney for the District of Wyoming. Governor Freudenthal currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Wyoming.</p> <p>Governor Freudenthal contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his experience as Governor for the State of Wyoming. This experience has provided Governor Freudenthal with a significant understanding of the regulatory and governmental issues facing the Company in our daily operations.</p>

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Director

Patricia F. Godley
Age 64
Director since 2004

Areas of Expertise

Energy
Environmental and Safety
Governance/Board
Government Relations
Human Resources and
Compensation
Strategic Planning

Occupation and Other Information

From 1998 until July 2012, Ms. Godley served as a partner with the law firm of Van Ness Feldman, practicing in the areas of economic and environmental regulation of electric utilities and natural gas companies. Ms. Godley retired as a partner effective July 2012, and now serves as Senior Counsel and Consultant to the firm. Ms. Godley is also a director of the United States Energy Association, which is the U.S. arm of the World Energy Council.

Ms. Godley contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through her work as an attorney in the areas of economic and environmental regulations. This experience has provided Ms. Godley with an in-depth knowledge of the ever changing regulatory environment that the Company faces, and dealing with governmental agencies in this regulatory environment. From her work in this area, she also has an extensive background in the energy industry and the environmental issues facing the Company.

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Director

Wesley M. Taylor
Age 70
Director since 2005

Areas of Expertise

CEO/Senior Management
Energy
Environmental and Safety
Finance & Accounting
Governance/Board
Government Relations
Human Resources and
Compensation
Marketing
Strategic Planning

Occupation and Other Information

Mr. Taylor was appointed lead director of the Board in February 2013. Mr. Taylor was President of TXU Generation, a company engaged in electricity infrastructure ownership and management. Mr. Taylor served at TXU for 38 years prior to his retirement in 2004. Mr. Taylor also serves on the board of directors of FirstEnergy Corporation.

Mr. Taylor contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his experience with TXU Generation, as well as his service as a member of the board of directors of FirstEnergy Corporation. Mr. Taylor's experience has provided him with a strong background in the energy industry. In addition, as President of TXU Generation, Mr. Taylor brings to our Board the experience of guiding a company in all aspects of its day-to-day operations.

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Director	Areas of Expertise	Occupation and Other Information
<p>Peter I. Wold Age 65 Director since 2010</p>	<p>CEO/Senior Management Energy Environmental and Safety Finance and Accounting Governance/Board Government Relations Strategic Planning</p>	<p>Mr. Wold is President and co-owner of Wold Oil Properties, Inc., an oil and gas exploration and production company. He is also Vice President of American Talc Company, a corporation that mines and processes talc in Western Texas. He is a director of the Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. New York Board. Mr. Wold has also served in the Wyoming House of Representatives, as a director of the Denver Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank, and recently completed six years on the Wyoming Enhanced Oil Recovery Commission.</p> <p>Mr. Wold contributes to the mix of experience and qualifications the Board seeks to maintain primarily through his experience as President of Wold Oil Properties, Inc., as well as his positions with Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. and the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank. This experience has provided Mr. Wold with a deep understanding of the financial hurdles and constraints companies face in today's economy. In addition, as head of an energy company, Mr. Wold has a strong understanding of the environmental and other regulatory issues the Company faces, particularly in the West.</p>

Board Meetings and Committees

The Board has the following five committees: Nominating and Corporate Governance, Finance, Personnel and Compensation, Audit and Energy and Environmental Policy. The table below contains information concerning the membership of each of the committees as of December 31, 2012, and the number of times the Board and each committee met during 2012. Each director attended at least 75% of the total

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number of meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he or she serves. In addition, all directors attended last year's annual meeting.

	Board of Directors	Nominating and Corporate Governance	Finance	Personnel and Compensation	Audit	Energy and Environmental Policy
Mr. Boyd*	M	C			M	
Mr. Eaves	M		M			M
Gov. Freudenthal*	M	M		M		M
Ms. Godley*	M	M			M	C
Mr. Hunt	M	M		M		M
Mr. Hanrahan#	M	M			M	
Mr. Jones	M		M		M	
Mr. Leer	C		M			M
Mr. Morris	M		M		M	
Mr. Perry	M	M			C	
Mr. Potter*	M		M	M		
Mr. Sands	M	M	C	M		
Mr. Taylor	M	M		C		
Mr. Wold	M			M		M
Number of 2012 meetings	9	6	5	6	6	5

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Effective February 1, 2013, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Potter resigned from the Board. Ms. Godley replaced Mr. Boyd as Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and Gov. Freudenthal became Chair of the Energy and Environmental Policy Committee. Ms. Godley remained a member of the Energy and Environmental Policy Committee.

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Effective February 28, 2013, Mr. Hanrahan was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for the following items:

identifying individuals qualified to become directors and recommending candidates for membership on the Board and its committees, as described under the heading "Nomination Process for Election of Directors;"

developing and recommending the *Corporate Governance Guidelines* to the Board; and

reviewing the effectiveness of Board governance, including overseeing an annual assessment of the performance of the Board and each of its committees.

The Board has determined, in its judgment, that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is composed entirely of independent directors as defined in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is published under "Corporate Governance" in the Investors section of our website at archcoal.com.

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Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviews and approves fiscal policies relating to our financial structure, including our debt, cash and risk management policies. The Finance Committee also reviews and recommends to the Board appropriate action with respect to significant financial matters, including dividends on our capital stock, major capital expenditures and acquisitions, and funding policies of our employee benefit plans.

Personnel and Compensation Committee

The Personnel and Compensation Committee is responsible for the following items:

reviewing and recommending to the Board the design of and associated payments related to the compensation programs for our named executive officers, non-employee directors and other key personnel;

reviewing and recommending to the Board the participation of executives and other key management employees in the various compensation plans; and

monitoring our succession planning and management development practices.

The Board has determined, in its judgment, that the Personnel and Compensation Committee is composed entirely of independent directors as defined in the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is published under "Corporate Governance" in the Investors section of our website at archcoal.com. The report of the Personnel and Compensation Committee can be found under "Personnel and Compensation Committee Report" in this proxy statement.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for the following items:

monitoring the integrity of our consolidated financial statements, internal accounting, financial controls, disclosure controls and financial reporting processes;

confirming the qualifications and independence of our independent registered public accounting firm;

evaluating the performance of our internal audit function and our independent registered public accounting firm; and

reviewing our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent registered public accounting firm. The Board has determined, in its judgment, that the Audit Committee is composed entirely of independent directors in compliance with the New York Stock Exchange listing standards and Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board, a copy of which is published under "Corporate Governance" in the Investors section of our website at archcoal.com.

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The Board has also determined, in its judgment, that Mr. Hanrahan is an "audit committee financial expert" and that each member of the Audit Committee is "financially literate." Our *Corporate Governance Guidelines* do not currently restrict the number of audit committees of public companies on which members of our Audit Committee may serve. The Board has determined that none of the members of the Audit Committee currently serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies. The report of the Audit Committee can be found under "Audit Committee Report" in this proxy statement.

Energy and Environmental Policy Committee

The Energy and Environmental Policy Committee reviews, assesses and provides advice to the Board on current and emerging energy and environmental policy trends and developments that affect or could affect us. In addition, the Energy and Environmental Policy Committee makes recommendations concerning whether, and to what extent, we should become involved in current and emerging energy and environmental policy issues.

Director Retirement/Resignation Policies

Our Board has a policy requiring members to resign from their position on the Board effective at the Company's annual meeting immediately following a member's 72nd birthday. Vacancies on the Board may be filled by a majority of the remaining directors. A director elected to fill a vacancy, or a new directorship created by an increase in the size of the Board, serves for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy or newly created directorship occurred. As a result of this policy, Mr. Perry is retiring from the Board, effective immediately after the Annual Meeting.

The *Corporate Governance Guidelines* requires any nominee for director in an uncontested election who receives a greater number of votes "withheld" from his or her election than votes "for" such election to offer his or her resignation to the Board. In the event a resignation is tendered, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board will evaluate the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and make a determination on the action to be taken with respect to such offered resignation, which may include (i) accepting the resignation, (ii) maintaining the director but addressing the underlying cause of the withheld votes, (iii) resolving that the director will not be re-nominated in the future for election, or (iv) rejecting the resignation. Following a determination by the Board, the Company will disclose the Board's decision in a filing with the SEC, a press release, or other broadly disseminated means of communication. Each nominee for election at the Annual Meeting has agreed to follow this policy as set forth in the *Corporate Governance Guidelines*.

Conflicts of Interest

Our code of conduct reflects our policy that all of our employees, including the named executive officers, and directors must avoid any activity that creates, or may create, a conflict of interest that might interfere with the proper performance of their duties or that might be hostile, adverse or competitive with our business. In addition, each of our directors and executive officers is encouraged to notify our Board when confronted with any situation that may be perceived as a conflict of interest, even if the person does

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not believe that the situation would violate our *Code of Business Conduct* or *Corporate Governance Guidelines*. The Board will then determine, after consultation with counsel, whether a conflict of interest exists. Directors who have a material personal interest in a particular issue may not vote on any matters with respect to that issue.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Gov. Freudenthal, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Potter, Mr. Sands, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Wold each served on the Personnel and Compensation Committee during the 2012 calendar year. None of the directors who served on the Personnel and Compensation Committee during 2012 has been an officer or employee of Arch. None of our executives has served on the Board or compensation committee of any other entity that has or has had one or more executives serving as a member of our Board or compensation committee.

Nomination Process for Election of Directors

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has responsibility for assessing the need for new directors to address specific requirements or to fill a vacancy. The committee initiates a search for a new candidate seeking input from our chairman and from other directors. The committee may retain an executive search firm to identify potential candidates. All candidates must meet the requirements specified in our *Corporate Governance Guidelines*. Candidates who meet those requirements and otherwise qualify for membership on our Board are identified, and the committee initiates contact with preferred candidates. The committee regularly reports to the Board on the progress of the committee's efforts. The committee meets to consider and approve final candidates who are then presented to the Board for consideration and approval. Our chairman or the chairman of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may extend an invitation to join the Board.

Stockholder recommendations should be submitted in writing to Robert G. Jones, our Secretary, and should include information regarding nominees required under our bylaws. Individuals recommended by stockholders will receive the same consideration received by individuals identified to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through other means.

Communicating With the Board of Directors

Our Board has established procedures intended to facilitate communication by stockholders and interested parties directly with the Board as a whole, any of our Board committees, our lead director, any other individual director or group of directors, including our non-employee directors as a whole. Such communications may be confidential or anonymous, and may be reported by phone to our confidential hotline at 866-519-1881 or by writing to the individual directors or group in care of Arch Coal, Inc., One CityPlace Drive, Suite 300, St. Louis, Missouri 63141, Attention: Senior Vice President-Law, General Counsel and Secretary. All such communications are promptly communicated to the Chairman, lead director, the chairman of the Audit Committee or our Director of Internal Audit, as appropriate.

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**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
(PROPOSAL NO. 1)**

A total of three directors are up for election at the Annual Meeting. The terms of each of these directors will expire at the Annual Meeting. Our Board has nominated each of those individuals for re-election for a three-year term that will expire in 2016.

To the knowledge of the Board, no nominee will be unwilling or unable to serve as a director. All nominees have consented to be named in the proxy statement and to serve if elected. If, however, a nominee is unavailable for election, your proxy authorizes us to vote for a replacement nominee if the Board names one. As an alternative, the Board may reduce the number of directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" each nominee.

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**APPROVAL OF THE ARCH COAL, INC. OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN
(FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ARCH COAL, INC. 1997 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN)
(PROXY ITEM NO. 2)**

The Company currently maintains the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated October 21, 2010 (the "Current Plan"). The Board believes that the Current Plan has been effective in attracting and retaining highly-qualified employees and other key contributors to the Company's business, and that the awards granted under the Current Plan have provided an incentive that aligns the economic interests of plan participants with those of our stockholders. The Personnel and Compensation Committee (the "Committee"), with the assistance of the Committee's independent compensation consultant, has reviewed the Current Plan to determine whether it remains a flexible and effective source of incentive compensation in terms of the number of shares of stock available for awards and in terms of its design, as well as whether it generally conforms with best practices in today's business environment.

Based on its review, the Committee recommended that the Current Plan be amended and restated to:

add 8,400,000 shares of the Company's stock to the reserve available for new awards;

add the flexibility to make cash-based incentive awards;

update the annual individual award limits to reflect changes in the Company's market capitalization and better manage deductibility of performance-based awards granted under the Plan; and

update and streamline certain administrative practices.

Accordingly, the Board approved, and recommends that the Company's stockholders approve, the Arch Coal, Inc. Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly known as the Arch Coal, Inc. 1997 Stock Incentive Plan), as amended and restated effective January 1, 2013 (the "Omnibus Plan"). Upon approval of the Omnibus Plan by the Company's stockholders, the Omnibus Plan will replace the Current Plan and no new awards will be made under the terms of the Current Plan. However, any outstanding awards previously granted under the Current Plan will continue in effect after approval of the Omnibus Plan and will not be deemed amended or modified by the adoption and approval of the Omnibus Plan. If the Omnibus Plan is not approved by the Company's stockholders, the Current Plan will remain in effect according to its terms and the Company may continue to grant awards under that plan.

Stockholder approval of the Omnibus Plan also is desired to ensure the tax deductibility by the Company of certain performance-based awards granted under the Omnibus Plan for purposes of Section 162(m) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and to meet the listing requirements of the New York Stock Exchange.

Currently there are 22,500,000 shares authorized under the Current Plan; however only a total of 4,542,538 shares remain available for issuance under the Current Plan. Based on the number of shares required to grant annual equity awards to our existing population of eligible employees based on historical grants, we project that this share pool will be exhausted in less than two years. The Company believes that the additional shares, in addition to the remaining share pool under the Current Plan, would create a share pool that will be sufficient for annual grants to eligible employees for approximately four years. Based on

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ISS's methodology, we have calculated that our three-year average equity expenditures (sometimes called "burn rate"), is 0.65%, which is significantly lower than ISS's applicable policy guidelines maximum burn rate of 4.02% for the Company's industry group. Given our burn rate, we believe that our share usage is reasonable in relation to our industry peers. Without the ability to provide equity compensation to our employees, the alignment between our stockholders and total compensation levels for our employees will be diminished.

In addition, we periodically review the dilutive effect of our stock plans on stockholders (sometimes called "overhang"). As of February 1, 2013, assuming approval of the Omnibus Plan, the 8,400,000 additional shares proposed to be reserved for grants under the Omnibus Plan represent an overhang of 3.96%, and the overhang for the total shares reserved under the Omnibus Plan subject to outstanding awards or available for new grants would be 8.89%.

For purposes of calculating the overhang in the previous paragraph, we are using "fully diluted overhang," which equals Amount A divided by Amount B, where Amount A equals the sum of all outstanding stock options, unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units, plus shares available for future grants under the plan, and Amount B equals the sum of total shares of our common stock outstanding plus Amount A. As of February 1, 2013: (i) the number of outstanding stock options and unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units equals 5,938,425; (ii) the number of shares available for future grants under the plan assuming approval of the Omnibus Plan equals 12,942,538; and (iii) the number of shares of our common stock outstanding equals 212,277,265.

The material features of the Omnibus Plan are summarized below. The summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the specific provisions of the Omnibus Plan, the full text of which is set forth as Appendix A to this proxy statement.

Administration

The Omnibus Plan is administered by the Committee. Subject to the express provisions of the Omnibus Plan, the Committee has the authority, in its discretion, to interpret the Omnibus Plan, establish rules and regulations for its operation, select eligible individuals to receive awards and determine the form and amount and other terms and conditions of such awards.

Summary of Award Terms and Conditions

Awards under the Omnibus Plan may include incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares of common stock, restricted stock units, other stock-based awards and cash-based incentive awards.

Stock Options

The Committee may grant to a participant options to purchase Company common stock that qualify as incentive stock options for purposes of Section 422 of the Code ("incentive stock options"), options that do not qualify as incentive stock options ("nonqualified stock options") or a combination thereof. The

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terms and conditions of stock option grants, including the quantity, price, vesting periods, and other conditions on exercise will be determined by the Committee.

The exercise price for stock options will be determined by the Committee in its discretion, but may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of one share of the Company's common stock on the date when the stock option is granted. Additionally, in the case of incentive stock options granted to a holder of more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company on the date of grant, the exercise price may not be less than 110% of the fair market value of one share of common stock on the date the stock option is granted. On March 1, 2013, the market price per share of the Company's common stock was \$4.90 based on the closing price of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date.

Stock options must be exercised within a period fixed by the Committee that may not exceed ten years from the date of grant, except that in the case of incentive stock options granted to a holder of more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company on the date of grant, the exercise period may not exceed five years. The Omnibus Plan provides for earlier termination of stock options upon the participant's termination of service, unless extended by the Committee, but in no event may the options be exercised after the scheduled expiration date of the options.

At the Committee's discretion, payment for shares of common stock on the exercise of stock options may be made in cash, shares of the Company's common stock held by the participant or in any other form of consideration acceptable to the Committee (including one or more forms of "cashless" or "net" exercise).

Stock Appreciation Rights

The Committee may grant to a participant an award of stock appreciation rights, which entitles the participant to receive, upon its exercise, a payment equal to (i) the excess of the fair market value of a share of common stock on the exercise date over the stock appreciation right exercise price, multiplied by (ii) the number of shares of common stock with respect to which the stock appreciation right is exercised.

The exercise price for a stock appreciation right will be determined by the Committee in its discretion, but may not be less than 100% of the fair market value of one share of the Company's common stock on the date when the stock appreciation right is granted. Stock appreciation rights must be exercised within a period fixed by the Committee that may not exceed ten years from the date of grant. Upon exercise of a stock appreciation right, payment may be made in cash, shares of Company stock or a combination of cash and stock.

Restricted Shares and Restricted Units

The Committee may award to a participant shares of common stock subject to specified restrictions ("restricted shares"). Restricted shares are subject to forfeiture if the participant does not meet certain conditions such as continued employment over a specified forfeiture period and/or the attainment of specified performance targets over the forfeiture period.

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The Committee also may award to a participant units representing the right to receive shares of common stock in the future subject to the achievement of one or more goals relating to the completion of service by the participant and/or the achievement of performance or other objectives ("restricted units"). The terms and conditions of restricted share and restricted unit awards are determined by the Committee.

For participants who are subject to Section 162(m) of the Code, the performance targets described in the preceding two paragraphs may be established by the Committee, in its discretion, based on one or more of the following measures (the "Performance Goals"):

Operating Income	Net Income
Debt Reduction	Earnings Per Share
Cash Flow	Cost Reduction
EBITDA	Environmental Compliance
Safety Performance	Operating Cost Per Ton
Production Rates	Total Stockholder Return
Financial Return Measures	

The Performance Goals may be measured with respect to the Company or any one or more of its subsidiaries, divisions or affiliates, either in absolute terms or as compared to another company or companies, or an index established or designated by the Committee. The above terms will have the same meaning as in the Company's financial statements, or if the terms are not used in the Company's financial statements, either as applied pursuant to generally accepted accounting principles, or as used in the industry, as applicable.

Other Stock-Based Awards

The Committee may grant equity-based or equity-related awards, referred to as "other stock-based awards," other than options, stock appreciation rights, restricted shares or restricted units. Such awards may include stock purchase rights, phantom stock arrangements, performance units or awards valued in whole or in part by reference to the Company's common stock. The terms and conditions of each other stock-based award will be determined by the Committee. With respect to participants subject to Section 162(m) of the Code, any applicable performance targets will be established, in the Committee's discretion, based on one or more of the Performance Goals described under the section titled "*Restricted Shares and Restricted Units*" above. Payment under any other stock-based awards will be made in common stock, cash or a combination of stock and cash, as determined by the Committee.

Cash-Based Incentive Awards

The Omnibus Plan authorizes performance-based cash incentive compensation to be paid to "covered employees" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code. The material terms of the cash-based incentive compensation feature of the Omnibus Plan are as follows:

The class of persons covered consists of those senior executives of the Company who are from time to time determined by the Committee to be subject to Section 162(m) of the Code.

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The targets for cash-based incentive payments to covered employees will consist only of one or more of the Performance Goals. Such performance targets will be established by the Committee on a timely basis to ensure that the targets are considered "preestablished" for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Code.

The Committee will not have the flexibility to pay a covered executive more than the incentive amount indicated by his or her attainment of the performance target under the applicable payment schedule. The Committee will, however, have the flexibility to use negative discretion to reduce this amount.

Dividend Equivalents

The Committee may provide for the payment of dividend equivalents with respect to any stock-based awards under the Omnibus Plan other than options and stock appreciation rights. Any dividend equivalents payable with respect to performance-based awards will be subject to the same vesting and forfeiture conditions as the award itself.

Effect of a Change in Control or Similar Corporate Transactions

In the event of a "change in control" of the Company (as defined in the Omnibus Plan) or other corporate transactions having a similar effect on the Company, outstanding awards will be subject to the specific terms as may be set forth in the applicable award agreement, which may include assumption or substitution of such awards with equivalent awards, accelerated vesting (either on the change in control or the occurrence of both a change in control and other events such as the participant's involuntary termination), or settlement in cash or cash equivalents.

Minimum Vesting and Forfeiture Periods for Full Value Awards

Stock-based awards other than options and stock appreciation rights granted under the Omnibus Plan will vest over or have a minimum forfeiture period of no less than three years. However, if awards are performance-based, the minimum vesting or forfeiture period may be one year. In addition, the minimum vesting or forfeiture requirements will not apply to awards that are (i) granted to non-employee directors or consultants, (ii) accelerated or waived as a result of the participant's death, disability or other involuntary termination, or in the event of a change of control, or (iii) granted in connection with new hires. The Committee also will have discretion to award up to 5% of the shares reserved under the Omnibus Plan without regard to these minimum vesting or forfeiture periods.

Eligibility and Limitation on Awards

The Committee may grant awards to any employee, non-employee director or consultant of the Company or any of its participating subsidiaries. While the selection of participants is within the discretion of the Committee, it is currently expected that participants will be primarily officers and salaried management level employees, as well as non-employee directors of the Company. It is presently contemplated that approximately 98 persons will be eligible to receive awards under the Omnibus Plan.

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The maximum awards that can be granted under the Omnibus Plan to a single participant in any calendar year are (i) 1,250,000 shares in the form of options or stock appreciation rights, (ii) 500,000 shares in the form of restricted shares or restricted units, (iii) 500,000 shares in the form of other stock-based awards, and (iv) \$5,000,000 in the form of cash-based awards. However, these limits will not apply if the Committee expressly determines that an award is not intended to qualify as performance-based under Section 162(m) of the Code.

Awards Granted Under the Omnibus Plan

The future amounts that will be received by participants under the Omnibus Plan are not determinable. The stock awards granted to the Company's named executive officers under the Current Plan and outstanding as of December 31, 2012 are set forth in the Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2012 Table found under "Executive Compensation." As of February 1, 2013, (i) the Company's executive officers as a group (nine officers) held outstanding stock option grants for 3,053,100 shares and restricted stock unit grants for 326,000 shares, (ii) the Company's non-employee directors as a group (twelve directors) held restricted stock unit grants for 28,960 shares, and (iii) our employees other than our executive officers (147 employees) held outstanding stock option grants for 2,185,378 shares and restricted stock unit grants for 156,197 shares.

Shares Subject to the Omnibus Plan

The number of shares of the Company's common stock reserved for issuance with respect to awards under the Current Plan is 22,500,000. As of December 31, 2012, 4,542,538 shares remain available for new awards. The Board has authorized, subject to stockholder approval, an additional 8,400,000 shares of the Company's common stock to be available for new awards under the Omnibus Plan.

Shares of common stock underlying awards granted under the Omnibus Plan or the Current Plan that expire or are forfeited or terminated for any reason (as a result, for example, of the lapse of an option or a forfeiture of restricted shares), as well as any shares underlying an award that is settled in cash rather than stock, will be available for future grants under the Omnibus Plan. In addition, shares of stock that are surrendered to or withheld by us in payment or satisfaction of the exercise price of an award or any tax withholding obligation with respect to an award will be available for future grants. Shares issued with respect to awards assumed by the Company in connection with acquisitions do not count against the total number of shares available for new awards under the Omnibus Plan. Shares to be issued under the Omnibus Plan will be authorized but unissued shares of common stock or shares of stock reacquired by the Company.

Anti-Dilution Protections

In the event of any reorganization, merger, or consolidation, subdivision or consolidation of shares of stock or other capital readjustment, payment of stock dividend, stock split, spin-off, combination of shares or recapitalization or other increase or reduction of the number of shares of stock outstanding, or any similar event, the Committee is empowered to make appropriate and equitable adjustments to (i) the

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number and kind of shares of stock available under the Omnibus Plan, (ii) the number and kind of shares of stock subject to outstanding awards, (iii) the per-share exercise or other purchase price under any outstanding award, and (iv) the annual award or other maximum award limits applicable under the Omnibus Plan.

Clawback Provisions

The Omnibus Plan provides that in the event of a restatement of the Company's financials due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirements under the law, a participant will be required to reimburse the Company for any amounts earned or payable in connection with an incentive award under the plan to the extent required by law and any applicable Company policies.

Amendment and Termination

The Board may suspend, terminate, modify or amend the Omnibus Plan, provided that any amendment that would (i) increase the aggregate number of shares of stock which may be issued under the Omnibus Plan, (ii) change the method of determining the exercise price of option awards, or (iii) materially modify the eligibility requirements for the Omnibus Plan, will be subject to the approval of our stockholders, except for modifications or adjustments relating to the anti-dilution protection described above. No suspension, termination, modification or amendment of the Omnibus Plan may terminate a participant's existing award or materially and adversely affect a participant's rights under such award without the participant's consent. However, these provisions do not limit the Board's authority to amend or revise the Omnibus Plan to comply with applicable laws or governmental regulations.

No Repricing

The Omnibus Plan specifically prohibits the repricing of stock options or stock appreciation rights without stockholder approval. For this purpose, a "repricing" means any of the following (or any other action that has the same effect as any of the following): (i) changing the terms of a stock option or stock appreciation right to lower its exercise price; (ii) any other action that is treated as a "repricing" under generally accepted accounting principles; and (iii) repurchasing for cash or canceling a stock option or stock appreciation right at a time when its exercise price is greater than the fair market value of the underlying stock in exchange for another award, unless the cancellation and exchange occurs in connection with a change in capitalization or similar change. Such cancellation and exchange would be considered a "repricing" regardless of whether it is treated as a "repricing" under generally accepted accounting principles and regardless of whether it is voluntary on the part of the participant.

Federal Income Tax Consequences

The federal income tax consequences of the issuance and exercise of awards under the Omnibus Plan are as described below. The following information is only a summary of the tax consequences of the awards, and participants should consult with their own tax advisors with respect to the tax consequences inherent in the ownership or exercise of the awards, and the ownership and disposition of any underlying securities.

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Incentive Stock Options. A participant who is granted an incentive stock option will not recognize any taxable income for federal income tax purposes on either the grant or exercise of the incentive stock option. If the participant disposes of the shares purchased pursuant to the incentive stock option more than two years after the date of grant and more than one year after the exercise of the option by the participant (the required statutory "holding period"), (i) the participant will recognize long-term capital gain or loss, as the case may be, equal to the difference between the selling price and the exercise price; and (ii) the Company will not be entitled to a deduction with respect to the shares of stock so issued. If the holding period requirements are not met, any gain realized upon disposition will be taxed as ordinary income to the extent of the lesser of (1) the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise over the exercise price, and (2) the gain on the sale. Also in that case, the Company will be entitled to a deduction in the year of disposition in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the participant. Any additional gain will be taxed as short-term or long-term capital gain depending upon the holding period for the stock. A sale for less than the exercise price results in a capital loss. The excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise over the exercise price is, however, includable in the participant's income for alternative minimum tax purposes.

Nonqualified Stock Options. A participant who is granted a nonqualified stock option under the Omnibus Plan will not recognize any income for federal income tax purposes on the grant of the option. Generally, on the exercise of the option, the participant will recognize taxable ordinary income equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date over the option price for the shares, subject to certain limits on the deductibility of compensation under the Code. The Company generally will be entitled to a deduction on the date of exercise in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the participant. Upon disposition of the shares purchased pursuant to the stock option, the participant will recognize long-term or short-term capital gain or loss, as the case may be, equal to the difference between the amount realized on such disposition and the basis for such shares, which basis includes the amount previously recognized by the participant as ordinary income.

Stock Appreciation Rights. A participant who is granted stock appreciation rights will normally not recognize any taxable income on the receipt of the award. Upon the exercise of a stock appreciation right, (i) the participant will recognize ordinary income equal to the amount received (the increase in the fair market value of one share of our stock from the date of grant of the award to the date of exercise), and (ii) the Company will be entitled to a deduction on the date of exercise in an amount equal to the ordinary income recognized by the participant.

Restricted Stock. A participant will not be taxed at the date of an award of restricted shares, but will be taxed at ordinary income rates on the fair market value of any restricted shares as of the date that the restrictions lapse, unless the participant, within 30 days after transfer of such restricted shares to the participant, elects under Section 83(b) of the Code to include in income the fair market value of the restricted shares as of the date of such transfer. The Company will be entitled to a corresponding deduction, subject to certain limits on the deductibility of compensation under the Code. Any disposition of shares after the restrictions lapse will be subject to the regular rules governing long-term and short-term capital gains and losses, with the basis for this purpose equal to the fair market value of the shares at the

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end of the restricted period (or on the date of the transfer of the restricted shares, if the employee elects to be taxed on the fair market value upon such transfer). To the extent dividends are payable during the restricted period under the applicable award agreement, any such dividends will be taxable to the participant at ordinary income tax rates and will be deductible by the Company unless the participant has elected to be taxed on the fair market value of the restricted shares upon transfer, in which case they will thereafter be taxable to the participant as dividends and will not be deductible by the Company.

Restricted Share Units. A participant will normally not recognize taxable income upon an award of restricted share units, and the Company will not be entitled to a deduction until the lapse of the applicable restrictions. Upon the lapse of the restrictions and the settlement of the award, the participant will recognize ordinary taxable income in an amount equal to any cash received and the fair market value of any common stock received and the Company will be entitled to a deduction in the same amount, subject to certain limits on deductibility of compensation under the Code. Any disposition of shares after restrictions lapse will be subject to the regular rules governing long-term and short-term capital gains and losses, with the basis for this purpose equal to the fair market value of the shares at the end of the restricted period.

Other Stock-Based Awards and Cash-Based Awards. Normally, a participant will not recognize taxable income upon the grant of other stock-based awards or cash-based awards under the Omnibus Plan. Subsequently, when the conditions and requirements for the grants have been satisfied and the payment determined, any cash received and the fair market value of any common stock received will constitute ordinary income to the participant. The Company also will then be entitled to a deduction in the same amount, subject to certain limits on deductibility of compensation under the Code.

Effective Date

The Omnibus Plan will be effective as of January 1, 2013, if approved by the stockholders of the Company. If not approved by the stockholders, no awards will be made under the Omnibus Plan and the Current Plan will continue in effect, subject to its existing terms and conditions.

Vote Required

Approval of the Omnibus Plan will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present and entitled to vote at the meeting, provided that the total vote cast on the proposal represents over 50% in interest of all of our securities entitled to vote on the proposal and assuming the presence of a quorum. If the stockholders do not approve the Omnibus Plan, it will not be implemented, but the Company reserves the right to adopt such other compensation plans and programs as it deems appropriate and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal No. 2.

Table of Contents**RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
(PROPOSAL NO. 3)**

Ernst & Young LLP was our independent registered public accounting firm for 2012. The Audit Committee has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2013. The Audit Committee and the Board are requesting that stockholders ratify this appointment. In the event the stockholders do not ratify the selection of Ernst & Young LLP, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the fiscal year if the Audit Committee believes such a change would be in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be available at the Annual Meeting to make a statement if they desire to do so and to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Fees Paid to Auditors

The following table sets forth the fees accrued or paid to Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, for the years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011:

Service	Fee	
	2012	2011
Audit ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,367,143	\$ 2,399,372
Audit-Related ⁽²⁾	76,000	46,500
Tax ⁽³⁾		151,136
All Other		

- (1) Audit services performed by Ernst & Young LLP in 2012 and 2011 included the annual financial statement audit (including required quarterly reviews) and other procedures performed by Ernst & Young LLP to form an opinion on our consolidated financial statements and to issue their consent to include their audit opinion in registration statements we filed with the SEC. Audit services in 2012 and 2011 also included the deliverance of comfort letters by Ernst & Young LLP in connection with the issuance of senior notes in November 2012 and with the issuance of common stock and senior notes in June 2011. Audit services in 2012 also include fees related to the statutory audits of our international subsidiaries.
- (2) Audit-related fees in 2012 relate to the audit of a carve-out entity in anticipation of a divestiture and in 2011 relate to due diligence procedures performed by Ernst & Young LLP in connection with potential business acquisitions.
- (3) Fees for tax services and related expenses in 2011 related to tax advice and tax planning services performed by Ernst & Young LLP.

The Audit Committee has adopted an audit and non-audit services pre-approval policy that requires the Audit Committee, or the chairman of the Audit Committee, to pre-approve services to be provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee will consider whether the services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm are prohibited by the SEC's rules on auditor independence and whether the independent registered public accounting firm is best positioned to

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provide the most effective and efficient service. The Audit Committee is mindful of the relationship between fees for audit and non-audit services in deciding whether to pre-approve such services. The Audit Committee has delegated to the chairman of the Audit Committee pre-approval authority between meetings, and the chairman must report any pre-approval decisions to the full Audit Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All non-audit services performed by Ernst & Young LLP in 2012 and 2011 were pre-approved in accordance with the procedures established by the Audit Committee.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" Proposal No. 3.

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**ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION
(PROPOSAL NO. 4)**

The Board has adopted a policy to hold an annual advisory vote on executive compensation until the next required vote on the frequency of such advisory votes. We are required to hold such frequency votes at least every six years. We are seeking advisory stockholder approval of the compensation of named executive officers as disclosed in the section of this proxy statement entitled "*Executive Compensation*." Stockholders are being asked to vote on the following advisory resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the stockholders advise that they approve the compensation of Arch Coal, Inc.'s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and any related material)."

The compensation of our named executive officers (NEOs) is designed to tie a substantial percentage of a NEO's compensation to the attainment of financial and other performance measures that, the Board believes, promote the creation of long-term stockholder value and position the Company for long-term success. As described more fully in the *Compensation Discussion and Analysis* (CD&A), the total mix of compensation that the Company offers its NEOs is designed to enable the Company to attract and maintain top talent while, at the same time, creating a close relationship between performance and compensation. The Personnel and Compensation Committee and the Board believe that the design of the program, and as a result the compensation awarded to NEOs under the current program, fulfills this objective.

Stockholders are urged to read the CD&A section of this proxy statement, which discusses in detail how our compensation policies and procedures implement our compensation philosophy.

Although the vote on this Proposal No. 4 is non-binding, the Board will review the voting results in connection with its ongoing evaluation of the Company's compensation program. The final decision on the compensation and benefits of our NEOs remains with the Board.

Recommendation of the Board

The Board recommends a vote "FOR" the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the stockholders advise that they approve the compensation of Arch Coal, Inc.'s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (which disclosure includes the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables, and any related material)."

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The Company knows of no other matters to be submitted to the stockholders at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters properly come before the stockholders at the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named on the proxy to vote the shares represented thereby on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis describes the material elements of compensation to each of the following named executive officers of Arch Coal, Inc. (the "named executive officers" or "NEOs"), for fiscal year 2012:

Name	Title	*Years of Service
John W. Eaves	President and Chief Executive Officer	30
John T. Drexler	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	15
Paul A. Lang	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	28
David N. Warnecke	Senior Vice President Marketing and Trading	29
Robert G. Jones	Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and Secretary	21
Steven F. Leer ⁽¹⁾	Chairman and Former Chief Executive Officer	32

(1) Mr. Leer retired as Chief Executive Officer effective as of April 26, 2012.

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Includes the following years of service attributable to employment with one or more of our predecessor entities: Mr. Eaves 15 years, Mr. Lang 13 years, Mr. Jones 6 years, Mr. Warnecke 13 years and Mr. Leer 16 years.

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Overview

Our compensation programs are designed to attract, motivate and retain highly talented executives. We believe that our success in creating long-term value for our stockholders depends on our ability to closely align the interests of our named executive officers with the interests of our stockholders. We encourage sustained long-term profitability and increased stockholder value by linking a significant portion of each named executive officer's compensation to our achievement of financial and operating performance, which are not guaranteed. We use equity-based awards and other mechanisms to align the long-term interests of our named executive officers with those of our stockholders.

We have determined the type and amount of compensation for each NEO after considering a variety of factors, including the executive's position and level of responsibility within our organization, comparative market data and other external market-based factors. The Committee uses this information when establishing compensation in order to achieve a comprehensive package that emphasizes pay-for-performance and is competitive in the marketplace. For the 2012 fiscal year, the pay mix at target for the CEO and other NEOs for fiscal 2012 is displayed below.

(1) Pay mix for Mr. Eaves, based on compensation levels set after being appointed as CEO, effective April 26, 2012. Does not include pay mix for Mr. Leer, who retired as Chief Executive Officer effective as of April 26, 2012. The pay mix at target levels for Mr. Leer prior to April 26, 2012 was 18% base salary, 20% annual incentive and 62% long-term incentive.

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- (2) Average pay mix for Mr. Drexler, Mr. Jones, Mr. Lang and Mr. Warnecke.

Highlights of Compensation Practices

During 2012 we employed the following compensation practices, which highlight the Company's effort to align the interests of our named executive officers with the interests of our stockholders.

Pay for performance. A significant portion of compensation is tied to key performance-based metrics that are disclosed in this proxy statement.

Mix of short-term and long-term incentives. Our incentive program has a mix of annual and long-term incentives.

Award caps. There are maximum limits on the short-term and long-term performance based awards.

Share ownership requirements. The Company has in place stock ownership requirements for its senior officers and directors. In addition, during 2012, the Company increased the share ownership requirement for its CEO to five times base salary.

New Change-in-Control Agreements. In 2012, each NEO, together with all other senior officers, amended and restated their change-in-control agreement to eliminate tax gross up provisions.

Independent compensation consulting firm. The Committee utilizes an independent compensation consulting firm, which provides no other services to the Company.

Our Compensation Process

The Committee uses current compensation levels, performance, long-term career goals, future leadership potential and succession planning, among other factors, in determining appropriate compensation levels for our NEOs. The Committee does not use a formula to weight these factors, but instead uses these factors to provide context within which to assess the significance of comparative market data and to differentiate the level of compensation among our NEOs.

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After the end of the performance period to which a particular incentive award relates, the Committee reviews our performance relative to the applicable performance targets and recommends payouts based on that performance. The Committee generally retains discretion to recommend payouts that are above or below actual performance levels for the applicable performance period. However, with respect to awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee retains only the discretion to reduce award payouts. For purposes of determining the amount of a payout to recommend, the Committee may also consider infrequent or non-recurring items that are not reflective of ongoing operations or the effects of major corporate transactions or other items that the Committee determines, in its judgment, significantly distort the comparability of our actual performance against the performance targets.

Annually, the Committee reviews the design of our named executive officer compensation program, including whether the risks arising from our compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. In doing so, the Committee assesses whether compensation programs used in prior years have successfully achieved our compensation objectives. The Committee also considers the extent to which our compensation program is designed to achieve our long-term financial and operating goals. The Committee has retained the independent compensation consulting firm listed below under "Role of Compensation Consultants" to help analyze certain comparative market data. Certain members of management participate in this process by assembling and summarizing data used by the Committee. The Committee and its compensation consultant reviewed our compensation policies and practices, and the Committee has determined that the risks arising from our compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

Role of Compensation Consultants

During 2012, the Committee retained Meridian Compensation Partners, LLC ("Meridian") as an independent compensation consulting firm to provide the Committee advice on executive compensation matters. Meridian assisted the Committee in the development of a compensation peer group, which is described in more detail below. Meridian also advised the Committee on competitive compensation practices, mix of compensation elements and comparative market data, which the Committee considered in addressing and determining the appropriate levels of compensation for each NEO relative to the marketplace.

The Committee has reviewed the independence of Meridian and has determined that Meridian has no conflicts of interest. In particular, Meridian does not provide any other services to the Company. The Committee has sole authority to retain or replace Meridian in its role as its consultant. The Committee regularly reviews the performance and independence of Meridian, as well as fees paid. A representative of Meridian attends committee meetings as requested to serve as a resource on compensation matters. In order to encourage independent review and discussion of compensation matters, the Committee has the authority to, and does from time to time, meet with Meridian in executive session.

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Role of Management

Our chief executive officer and vice president of human resources receive compensation peer group information from our compensation consultant, and then provide the Committee with compensation recommendations for our NEOs, other than the chief executive officer, including base salary, annual cash incentive opportunity and long-term incentive opportunities. Management provides a current market value for each proposed element and for the total targeted value, as well as the median and other select percentile market values for the named executive officers' peers. Management obtains the comparative market information primarily from materials provided by our compensation consultant. Our chief executive officer does not recommend his own base salary or target or actual payout amounts under our annual or long-term incentive awards.

Annually, the Committee reviews the performance of our chief executive officer and makes recommendations to the Board regarding his compensation. In doing so, the Committee uses information provided by our compensation consultant and certain historical financial and operating performance data provided by management. The Committee believes that the compensation opportunities granted to our chief executive officer, while higher in the aggregate than compensation granted to our other executives, are appropriate taking into consideration our chief executive officer's overall leadership responsibilities.

Compensation Peer Group

For the 2012 compensation program, based on information provided by Meridian, the Committee evaluated and defined three appropriate peer groups: (i) the Coal/Mining Peer Group; (ii) the Energy Peer Group; and (iii) General Industry Peer Group. Each of these peer groups are described below.

Coal/Mining Peer Group. Based on the uniqueness of the mining industry and the limited number of direct peer companies available, the Committee approved the use of three compensation peer groups to be reviewed together. The primary peer group, the Coal/Mining Peer Group, consisted of companies within

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the coal/mining industry. These companies were selected because they are the most direct competitors for industry talent. The Coal/Mining Peer Group consisted of the following companies:

Name:	2011 Revenue (\$ in thousands)
Alliance Resource Partners, L.P.	1,610
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.	3,917
Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc.	4,694
Cloud Peak Energy, Inc.	1,371
CONSOL Energy Inc.	5,163
Martin Marietta Materials	1,783
Minerals Technologies, Inc.	1,002
Natural Resource Partners L.P.	301
Patriot Coal Corporation	2,035
Peabody Energy Corporation	6,860
Vulcan Materials Company	2,559
Walter Energy, Inc.	1,588
75th Percentile	4,111
Median	1,909
25th Percentile	1,533
Arch Coal, Inc.	3,186

Energy Peer Group. Due to the limited number of peer companies in the Coal/Mining Peer Group, and our size relative to the median of that peer group, the Committee developed a second peer group, the Energy Peer Group, from which to derive additional benchmarking data. This peer group was selected by

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narrowing the Energy and Utilities GICS codes to companies within a relevant revenue range compared to Arch. The Energy Peer Group consisted of the following companies:

Name:	2011 Revenue (\$ in thousands)
AGL Resources, Inc.	2,373
ALON USA Energy, Inc.	3,976
Ameren Corporation	7,638
Cameron International Corporation	6,135
Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.	3,323
DTE Energy Company	8,557
El Paso Corporation	4,616
Noble Energy, Inc.	2,904
Pioneer Natural Resources Company	1,803
PNM Resources, Inc.	1,674
Pride International, Inc.	1,460
Questar Corporation	1,124
Sempra Energy	9,003
Southern Union Company	2,490
Southwestern Energy Company	2,611
75th Percentile	5,375
Median	2,904
25th Percentile	2,088
Arch Coal, Inc.	3,186

General Industry Peer Group. Lastly, general industry compensation data was reviewed by the Committee to provide an additional reference point. This data was based on a broad spectrum of public companies (excluding financial services and retail companies) that had median revenues similar to Arch.

The Committee assesses the appropriateness of the peer groups used to benchmark our compensation programs on an annual basis and adds or subtracts members of the peer groups as appropriate.

Evaluation of Stockholder "Say on Pay" Vote Results

When establishing or modifying our compensation programs and arrangements for 2012 and our ongoing compensation philosophies and practices, the Committee took into account the results of the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation, or "say on pay" vote, that occurred at our annual meeting in 2012. In that vote, approximately 97% of the votes cast approved our compensation programs and policies. The Committee believes that the strong support from our stockholders for the say on pay vote is evidence that the Company's stockholders overall believe that our pay-for-performance policies are working and that those policies are aligned with our stockholders' interests.

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We use the following compensation elements to achieve the compensation objectives established by the Committee:

base salary;

short- and long-term incentive opportunities; and

certain limited perquisites and other benefits.

The Committee believes that a higher percentage of total compensation for those executives with a greater ability to influence the achievement of our financial and operating objectives should be variable and, therefore, subject to greater risk. In general, as the position and amount of responsibility for an executive increases, a greater percentage of that executive's total compensation will be variable. Executives with the highest level and amount of responsibility generally have the lowest percentage of their total compensation fixed as base salary and the highest percentage of their total compensation dependent upon our performance, as reflected in short- or long-term incentive awards.

The following table shows the allocation of total targeted compensation for each NEO for each of the last three years:

	% of Target 2010 Compensation ⁽¹⁾			% of Target 2011 Compensation ⁽¹⁾			% of Target 2012 Compensation ⁽¹⁾		
	Performance- Based ⁽²⁾			Performance- Based ⁽²⁾			Performance- Based ⁽²⁾		
	Fixed Base Salary	Annual	Long- Term	Fixed Base Salary	Annual	Long- Term	Fixed Base Salary	Annual	Long- Term
John W. Eaves	19%	15%	66%	18%	17%	65%	18%	18%	64%
John T. Drexler	23%	14%	63%	22%	18%	60%	22%	18%	60%
Paul A. Lang	23%	14%	63%	22%	18%	60%	21%	17%	62%
David N. Warnecke	23%	14%	63%	23%	14%	63%	23%	14%	63%
Robert G. Jones	25%	13%	62%	25%	13%	62%	24%	15%	61%
Steven F. Leer ⁽³⁾	18%	18%	64%	18%	20%	62%	18%	20%	62%

- (1) For purposes of determining total compensation, we have included base salary, targeted annual cash incentives and the value of targeted long-term incentive awards. We have not considered the increased value of other compensation elements such as pension plans, nor have we assigned cash values to perquisites.
- (2) In determining the percentages shown above, the annual cash incentives and the long-term incentive awards are assumed to be paid at target levels.
- (3) Mr. Leer retired as Chief Executive Officer effective as of April 26, 2012. The percentage amounts in this table reflect the percentages for Mr. Leer prior to his resignation as Chief Executive Officer.

Base Salary We provide each named executive officer with an annual base salary. Base salaries for our named executive officers depend on the executives' experience and scope of responsibilities as well as the median market data for comparable job positions. We increase base salary primarily in response to notable

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achievements or for changes in scope of responsibilities. In addition, we may increase base salary to remain competitive in the marketplace.

Annual Cash Incentive Program The Committee intends for our annual cash incentive program to focus our organization on meeting certain financial and operating objectives by rewarding those key employees with the greatest ability to influence our results.

Early each year, the Committee considers whether annual cash incentives should be awarded. If so, the Committee recommends to the board of directors the group of employees eligible to receive an award for that year. Annual cash incentive awards contain various incentive levels based on the participant's accountability and impact on our performance, with target opportunities established as a percentage of base salary.

The following table shows the target opportunities available to the NEOs as a percentage of their base salaries and the actual payouts as a percentage of their base salaries each of the last three years:

Name	2010		2011		2012	
	Target as % of Base Salary	Actual Payout as % of Base Salary	Target as % of Base Salary	Actual Payout as % of Base Salary	Target as % of Base Salary	Actual Payout as % of Base Salary
John W. Eaves	80%	136%	90%	98%	98%	33%
John T. Drexler	60%	102%	80%	87%	80%	27%
Paul A. Lang	60%	102%	80%	83%	84%	28%
David N. Warnecke	60%	102%	60%	66%	60%	20%
Robert G. Jones	50%	85%	50%	55%	60%	20%
Steven F. Leer ⁽¹⁾	100%	170%	110%	120%	94%	32%

(1) Actual payout for Mr. Leer in 2012 represent actual payout divided by base salary for Mr. Leer for the full 2012 calendar year.

Payouts under our annual cash incentive program depend upon our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (Adjusted EBITDA), earnings per share, safety and environmental performance and, for some employees, our production costs per ton. Some or all of these performance measures may be used for our other employees, and the performance measures may differ for various groups or classifications of employees. By identifying meaningful performance measures and by assigning certain measures greater weight, we are able to more closely align compensation to the achievement of those business objectives over which particular employees have the greatest impact.

We establish the financial performance levels based on budgeted earnings for the upcoming year. We establish safety and environmental performance targets based on our prior performance history and the prior performance history of our peers, with the objective of promoting improvements in those areas. In order to inspire performance above the targets set and to acknowledge certain levels of performance below those targets, annual cash incentive awards contain threshold, target and maximum levels for each performance measure. Payouts under the awards depend upon the achievement of our objectives.

If the target level of performance is achieved with respect to a particular performance measure, the applicable payout percentage for that performance measure will equal 100%. Achievement at the threshold

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or maximum performance level results in an applicable payout percentage that varies based on the performance measure, as shown in the table below. We may prorate payouts under the annual cash incentive awards for performance levels that fall between the threshold, target and maximum performance levels.

Performance Measure	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Adjusted EBITDA	25%	100%	200%
Earnings per share	25%	100%	200%
Safety Incident Rate	50%	100%	225%
Environmental	50%	100%	225%

The following table shows the relative weighting of the performance measures and the threshold, target and maximum levels of performance used for annual incentive awards paid to the NEOs for the 2012 fiscal year:

Performance Measure ⁽¹⁾	Relative Weighting	Performance Goals		
		Threshold	Target	Maximum
Adjusted EBITDA	50%	\$ 912,030,000	\$ 1,172,610,000	\$ 1,563,480,000
Earnings per share	20%	\$ 1.27	\$ 1.63	\$ 2.17
Safety Incident Rate	15%	2.32	2.21	2.03
Environmental	15%	74 NOVs	70 NOVs	66 NOVs

(1)

The performance measures are defined and evaluated based on the following:

"Adjusted EBITDA" is determined based on our earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

"Earnings per share" is determined based on our earnings per share of our common stock outstanding, determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

"Safety Incident Rate" is determined based on our historical performance, and is the number of reportable injuries per 200,000 man hours. There is no payout for this performance measure if there is a fatality during the fiscal year; and

"Environmental" is determined based on our historical performance, and NOVs, or Notices of Violation, are determined based on the number of actual Notices of Violation received by the Company and its subsidiaries.

In early 2013, the Committee evaluated the level of achievement of the various performance measures for 2012 and made the following determinations:

Performance Measure	Actual Performance	Applicable Payout Percentage	Relative Weighting	Weighted Payout Percentage
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 688,454,000	0%	50%	0%
Earnings per share	\$ (3.24)	0%	20%	0%
Safety Incident Rate	1.46 ⁽¹⁾	0%	15%	0%
Environmental	17 NOVs	225%	15%	33.75%

(1)

There is no payout on Safety Incident Rate due to a fatality in 2012.

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Based on the actual performance as set forth above, the following cumulative amounts of payouts were made under the annual cash incentive plan for the Company's 2012 performance:

Name	Target as % of Base Salary	Actual Payout as % of Base Salary	Dollar Amount of Payout
John W. Eaves	98%	33%	\$ 257,085
John T. Drexler	80%	27%	\$ 121,500
Paul A. Lang	84%	28%	\$ 170,156
David N. Warnecke	60%	20%	\$ 81,000
Robert G. Jones	60%	20%	\$ 73,913
Steven F. Leer	94%	32%	\$ 271,485

Long-Term Incentive Program Our long-term incentive program is designed to achieve the compensation objectives established by the Committee. The Committee intends for our long-term incentive program to promote decision-making that creates long-term value for our stockholders. The Committee believes that an effective long-term incentive program should also create strong retention incentives for those key employees who are most likely to influence our long-term performance. In addition, we attempt to align the long-term interests of our executives with those of our stockholders by tying a portion of total compensation to appreciation in the value of our common stock.

The Committee has retained flexibility in the types of awards that it may use to implement our long-term incentive program. We have used performance units and performance-contingent phantom stock in order to promote the achievement of our long-term financial and operating performance objectives. In addition, we have used restricted stock, restricted stock units, stock options and other awards tied to the value of our common stock in order to align the long-term interests of our executives and our stockholders and for retention purposes. In determining the aggregate value of long-term awards and the mix of those awards for our executives, the Committee considers the executives' scope of responsibility, peer group market data, market competition for the particular position, relative internal equity and leadership continuity.

The following table shows the types of awards that we have included as a component of our long-term incentive program for each of the last three years and for 2013, and the percentage of targeted long-term compensation associated with each award:

Compensation Objective	2010	2011	2012	2013
Performance units	50%	20%	30%	30%
Restricted stock/restricted stock units		20%	35%	35%
Stock options	50%	60%	35%	35%

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The following is a description of each of these types of awards and the performance or vesting provisions included in the 2012 awards:

Performance Units We use performance units as a component of our long-term incentive program in order to motivate our NEOs and other key employees to focus on our operating performance over a multi-year period. Performance units generally provide an opportunity for key employees to earn compensation upon the successful achievement of our objectives over a three-year period. The Committee has also retained discretion to further align the long-term interests of our stockholders and executives by providing that payouts under performance units may be in the form of cash, stock or a combination of the two.

Payouts under the performance units granted will depend upon our achievement of certain safety and environmental objectives over a three-year period. For 2012, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Committee, determined to use performance units for 30% of the value of the long-term incentive program. The actual number of performance units granted to each NEO is set forth in the table under "Grants of Plan-Based Awards for the Year Ended December 31, 2012." Below is a table that shows the target and maximum performance goals for performance units granted in 2012. No payout is made for results below the target level. Half of the performance units granted to each NEO are tied to achievement of safety performance goals and half of the performance units are tied to achievement of environmental performance goals.

Safety Incident Rate		Environmental Compliance	
Payout Factor	Incident Rate	Payout Factor	Notices of Violation
Target (100%)	2.17	Target (100%)	56
Maximum (200%)	2.06 + ⁽¹⁾	Maximum (200%)	53

(1)

To achieve Safety Incident Rate maximum payout, the incident rate must be 2.06 or lower and the Safety Incident Rate must be better than the three-year average of our competitors.

As indicated above, performance units represented 50% of the long-term incentive program for 2010. In early 2013, the Committee evaluated the level of achievement of the various performance measures for the 2010-2012 performance period and made the following determinations:

Performance Measure	Target	Actual Performance	Relative Weighting	Weighted Payout Percentage
Total Shareholder Return	50th Percentile	29th Percentile	70%	11%
Safety Incident Rate	2.41	1.87	15%	30%
Environmental	57 NOVs	34 NOVs	15%	30%

Total amounts paid to each NEO under the 2010 long-term incentive awards for the Company's 2010-2012 performance are set forth on page 53.

Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock We use restricted stock and restricted stock units as a component of our long-term incentive program designed to align the long-term interests of our stockholders and our executives and for retention purposes. Restricted stock units and restricted stock can provide a significant retention incentive since they have real, current value that an executive may forfeit if his or her

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employment terminates before the awards vest. In addition, restricted stock units and restricted stock satisfy our compensation objectives by promoting long-term decision-making that results in appreciation in the value of our common stock.

When awarded, we generally condition receipt of the common stock underlying these awards on the executive's continued employment. Restricted stock units and restricted stock usually all vest at the end of a specific period, generally three or four years. In determining the conditions associated with these types of awards, the Committee considers the market competition for the executive's position, the ability of the executive to influence our long-term financial and operating performance and succession planning. The Committee has retained discretion whether or not to consider the number of shares of our common stock held by an executive in recommending subsequent awards of restricted stock units or restricted stock. The Board, upon the recommendation of the Committee, awarded restricted stock units as a component of the long-term incentive plan for 2012 in an amount equal to 35% of the overall long-term incentive. The actual number of shares of restricted stock units granted to each NEO is set forth in the table under "Grants of Plan-Based Awards for the Year Ended December 31, 2012." All restricted stock awards granted in 2012 were subject to a three-year cliff vesting schedule.

Stock Options In 2012, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Committee, determined to use stock options as 35% of the value of the long-term incentive program. The actual number of stock options granted to each NEO is set forth in the table under "Grants of Plan-Based Awards for the Year Ended December 31, 2012." In making its recommendation, the Committee determined that long-term stock price appreciation was reflective of our achievement of the long-term performance objectives established by our Board.

Stock options represent the opportunity to buy shares of our common stock at a fixed price at a future date. Under the terms of our stock incentive plan, the exercise price of stock options cannot be less than the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of grant. As such, stock options have value for our executives only if the price of our common stock increases after the date of grant.

Our policy is to issue stock options on the dates on which the awards are approved by the Board and to set the exercise prices of those awards equal to the closing market price of our common stock on that date. In order to provide a retention incentive, our stock options vest over a stated period measured from the date of grant. Depending upon the strength of the retention incentive intended by the Committee, stock options may vest over three or four years. The stock options awarded in 2012 vest in one-third increments over the next three years. As is typical, the stock options we grant expire after ten years, except in limited circumstances.

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Perquisites and Other Benefits We provide a limited number of perquisites and other benefits to our NEOs. The purpose of perquisites and other benefits of a similar nature is to attract and retain executives with a comprehensive compensation package. We provide the following perquisites to a limited number of our executives:

Financial, Estate and Tax Planning Services We provide our NEOs with financial, estate and tax planning services in order to assist them with the complexities of the various compensation arrangements that we maintain, retirement planning and compliance with our stock ownership guidelines.

Club Membership Dues We provide a limited number of NEOs with memberships for country clubs. We intend for these club memberships to provide access to facilities that our NEOs may use for more private business and business entertainment meetings.

Other Perquisites We provide certain NEOs with a limited personal use of our corporate aircraft. For more information about these perquisites, including the incremental cost to us for providing them, refer to the table included as a footnote to the Summary Compensation Table below.

The above perquisites are taxable to the executives. Executives do not receive any tax gross up payments on perquisites.

Participation in Benefit Plans and Other Compensation Arrangements Each of our NEOs is eligible to participate in the same health and welfare plans as our other eligible employees. These plans include medical and dental insurance, life, travel and accidental death and dismemberment insurance, short-and long-term disability coverage and participation in our qualified defined benefit pension plan and qualified defined contribution plan. In addition, each of our NEOs is eligible to participate in our supplemental retirement plan and non-qualified deferred compensation plan, and each of our NEOs is subject to a change-in-control agreement.

The following is a summary of certain benefit plans and other compensation arrangements available to our NEOs but for which our other employees may not be eligible:

Supplemental Retirement Plan Benefits We sponsor a tax-qualified defined benefit plan covering all of our eligible employees, including our executives. The Internal Revenue Code limits the amount of qualified retirement benefits we may provide for certain employees. As a result, we sponsor a supplemental retirement plan that provides eligible employees, including the executives named in this proxy statement, with additional retirement benefits that would otherwise be available under our defined benefit pension plan but for the limitations contained in the Internal Revenue Code. For more information about our defined benefit pension plan and our supplemental retirement plan, including the accumulated benefits attributable to the executives named in this proxy statement, you should see "Pension Benefits" below.

Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Plan We sponsor a tax-qualified defined contribution plan covering all of our eligible employees, including the NEOs. Under this plan, eligible employees, including the NEOs, may contribute up to 50% of their base salaries to the plan, subject to certain limitations contained in the Internal Revenue Code. We contribute one dollar for each dollar contributed by our employees, up to a maximum of 6% of employees' base salaries. The Internal Revenue Code limits the

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amount certain of our employees may contribute to our tax-qualified defined contribution plan in any tax year. As a result, we sponsor a non-qualified deferred compensation plan that allows eligible employees, including the executives named in this proxy statement, to defer receipt of a portion of their base salaries and certain annual and long-term cash incentive awards not subject to these limits. The deferred compensation plan provides higher-paid employees with the full company matching contribution to which they would otherwise be entitled under our defined contribution plan but for the limitations contained in the Internal Revenue Code. For more information about our deferred compensation plan, including information about amounts attributable to the executives named in this proxy statement, you should see "Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation" below.

Change-in-Control Agreements In order to provide certain key employees, including the NEOs, with some financial security in the event their employment with our organization is terminated without cause or under certain circumstances following a change of control, we provide those employees with change of control agreements that provide for cash payments and certain other severance benefits upon a qualifying termination. We believe that the change of control agreements we maintain with our key employees provide a meaningful mechanism by which to retain those individuals who are most capable of affecting our future performance. All NEOs have amended and restated their change of control agreements in 2012 to eliminate tax gross up provisions. For more information about the change of control agreements with the executives named in this proxy statement, you should see "Potential Payments Upon Termination of Employment or Change-in-Control" below.

Stock Ownership Guidelines Our Board has adopted stock ownership guidelines that are intended to promote meaningful stock ownership by our executives. These guidelines specify a number of shares of our common stock, including unvested restricted stock, unvested restricted stock units, shares held through our qualified defined contribution plan and hypothetical shares of our common stock held through our non-qualified deferred compensation plan, that our executives must accumulate within five years of becoming an executive officer of the Company. The specific share holding guidelines are determined based on a multiple of base salary ranging from one to five times, with the higher multiples applicable to the executives having the highest levels of responsibility. In 2012, the Company increased the stock ownership guidelines for the CEO to five times base salary, which was previously set at three times base salary. As of December 31, 2012, each of the NEOs are in compliance with the stock ownership goals adopted by the Board.

Impact of Tax Considerations on Compensation

The Internal Revenue Code limits the amount of the tax deduction we are entitled to take for compensation paid to the executives named in this proxy statement for a particular year unless the compensation meets specific standards. We may deduct compensation in excess of \$1 million if compensation is "performance-based" and is paid pursuant to a plan that is stockholder approved and meets certain requirements. In developing, implementing and administering our executive compensation program, the Committee considers the impact of these limits and balances the desire to maximize the deductibility of compensation with the goal of attracting, motivating and retaining highly-talented executives.

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We generally seek to maximize the tax deductibility of all elements of compensation. However, in light of the need to maintain flexibility in administering our executive compensation program, the Committee retains discretion to recommend to the board of directors compensation in excess of the limits, even if a portion of it may not be deductible.

Summary Compensation Table

The following table is a summary of compensation information for our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer and each of the other three most highly compensated executives for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and for our former chief executive officer:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Option Awards (\$) ⁽²⁾	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) ⁽³⁾	Change in Pension Value and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$) ⁽⁴⁾	All Other Compensation (\$) ⁽⁵⁾	Total (\$)
John W. Eaves	2012	\$ 779,712		\$ 912,743	\$ 944,313	\$ 923,695	\$ 261,526	\$ 128,476	\$ 3,950,465
President, Chief Operating Officer	2011	635,000		432,117	1,218,932	1,186,114	325,555	127,060	3,924,778
	2010	535,000			856,439	727,600	151,377	62,142	2,332,558
John T. Drexler	2012	450,000		413,721	406,234	473,940	102,150	46,425	1,892,470
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2011	450,000		240,426	679,181	690,300	117,411	43,668	2,220,986
	2010	360,000			452,743	367,200	43,010	37,919	1,260,872
Paul A. Lang	2012	600,962		590,041	615,482	542,176	197,276	57,123	2,603,060
Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2011	484,846		255,046	716,554	717,469	256,611	49,059	2,479,585
	2010	380,000			478,210	387,600	119,610	32,457	1,397,877
David N. Warnecke	2012	400,000		367,752	361,248	443,230	161,331	35,992	1,769,553
Senior Vice President Marketing and Trading	2011	400,000		214,434	603,716	567,450	207,743	34,284	2,027,627
	2010	370,000			465,476	377,400	129,568	44,352	1,385,546
Robert G. Jones	2012	365,000		305,067	299,730	380,963	127,389	36,617	1,514,766
Senior Vice President - Law, General Counsel and Secretary									
Steven F. Leer	2012 ⁽⁶⁾	857,212		1,140,170	1,120,329	1,330,585	461,597	184,355	5,094,248
Chairman and Former Chief Executive Officer	2011	975,000		662,796	1,871,521	2,064,206	780,969	212,331	6,566,822
	2010	850,000			1,360,587	1,445,000	390,617	118,069	4,164,273

(1) Amounts shown include amounts that the executives named in this proxy statement elected to defer, on a discretionary basis, pursuant to our deferred compensation plan.

(2) Amounts shown represent the aggregate grant date fair value of all stock or stock option awards, as applicable, made to each executive during the year indicated. We have determined the grant date fair value in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 (formerly referred to as Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*). The determination of the grant date fair value is subject to certain estimates and assumptions described in Note 16 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 and under the heading "Stock-Based Compensation" in the section entitled "Critical Accounting Policies" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. Amounts shown do not necessarily represent the actual value that may ultimately be received by the executives.

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(3)

Amounts shown include the following payouts:

Name	Year	Annual Cash Incentive Awards	Performance Unit Awards(#)
John W. Eaves	2012	\$ 257,085	\$ 666,610
	2011	624,364	561,750
	2010	727,600	
John T. Drexler	2012	121,500	352,440
	2011	393,300	297,000
	2010	376,200	
Paul A. Lang	2012	170,156	372,020
	2011	403,969	313,500
	2010	387,600	
David N. Warnecke	2012	81,000	362,230
	2011	262,200	305,250
	2010	377,400	
Robert G. Jones	2012	73,913	307,050
Steven F. Leer	2012	271,485	1,059,100
	2011	1,171,706	892,500
	2010	1,445,000	

(#)

Performance unit awards represent payout of performance unit awards granted in 2010 for the 2010-2012 period under Arch's long term incentive program. Half of these awards were tied to total shareholder return relative to peer companies, a safety performance measure and half were tied to and an environmental performance measure. Below is a table that lists the performance measure, the applicable threshold, target and maximum thresholds achievement levels for each performance measure and the actual performance for each performance measure.

Performance Measure	Relative Weighting	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Total Shareholder Return	70%	26 th Percentile	50 th Percentile	90 th Percentile
Safety Incident Rate	15%		2.41	2.34
Environmental	15%		57 NOVs	53 NOVs

Amounts shown include amounts that a NEO elected to defer, on a discretionary basis, pursuant to our deferred compensation plan.

(4)

Amounts shown represent the changes in the actuarial present value of the accumulated benefits for the executives named in this proxy statement under our defined benefit pension plans, including our supplemental retirement plan, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 715 (formerly referred to as Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 87, *Employer's Accounting for Pensions*). The present value of accumulated benefits is subject to certain actuarial assumptions described in Note 14 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 and under the heading "Employee Benefit Plans" in the section entitled "Critical Accounting Policies" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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Amounts shown include the following:

Name	Year	Credits Under					Club Dues	Tax Reimbursement	Other*	Total
		Matching Contribution to Plan	Deferred Compensation Plan	Dividends/ Dividend Equivalents	Financial Planning Services	Membership				
John W. Eaves President and Chief Executive Officer	2012	\$ 13,817	\$ 23,613	\$ 2,660	\$ 12,998	\$ 9,000		\$ 66,388	\$ 128,476	
	2011	14,441	17,680	10,385	12,310	12,500		59,745	127,060	
	2010	14,420	16,852	8,463	5,950	9,000		7,456	62,142	
John T. Drexler Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2012	10,385	16,615	1,480	10,145	7,800			46,425	
	2011	10,343	11,631	3,182	9,998	8,514			43,668	
	2010	9,969	10,052		9,954	7,844	99**		37,919	
Paul A. Lang Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2012	12,261	15,364	7,570	1,900			20,028	57,123	
	2011	13,727	9,471	16,276	2,300			7,286	49,059	
	2010	13,329	7,894		9,508			1,725	32,457	
David N. Warnecke Senior Vice President Marketing and Trading	2012	14,898	9,984	1,320	9,790				35,992	
	2011	14,002	7,719	2,838	9,725				34,284	
	2010	14,481	7,673		16,117		3,433**	2,648	44,352	
Robert G. Jones Senior Vice President Law, General Counsel and Secretary	2012	10,318	11,876	1,100	13,323				36,617	
Steven F. Leer Chairman and Former Chief Executive Officer	2012	13,636	44,896	4,080	10,047	8,525		103,171	184,355	
	2011	13,547	37,528	15,770	14,318	12,600		118,568	212,331	
	2010	13,472	36,877	12,695	14,607	9,000	961**	30,457	118,069	

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Other items shown in the table above include personal use of corporate aircraft and a matching contribution to an institution of higher education in 2012 for Mr. Leer. For 2012, we determined the aggregate incremental cost of the personal use of corporate aircraft by reference to a cost-per-flight-hour charge developed by a nationally-recognized and independent service. The cost-per-flight-hour charge reflects the direct operating cost of the aircraft, including fuel, aircraft landing and parking, as well as an allocable allowance for maintenance and engine restoration. Fixed costs that do not change based on usage, such as pilot salaries, depreciation and insurance are not included.

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Represents reimbursement in 2010 for tax preparation services performed in 2009.

(6)

2012 totals for Mr. Leer includes compensation for full 2012 calendar year, including compensation as Chairman of our board of directors. Upon his retirement as Chief Executive Officer on April 26, 2012, the Company agreed to pay Mr. Leer an annual base salary of \$800,000 (prorated in 2012), and participation in the annual incentive plan at 85% of base salary and participation in the long-term incentive plan at 100% of base salary. Since Mr. Leer was granted long term incentive awards in 2012 prior to his retirement as Chief Executive Officer, no additional long term awards were granted in 2012 under his compensation arrangement as Chairman.

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The following table shows information relating to the grants of certain equity and non-equity awards made to the NEOs during 2012:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units (#)	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#) ⁽¹⁾	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards ⁽²⁾
		Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)				
John W. Eaves	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	\$ 247,563	\$ 761,732	\$ 1,580,594				
	2/23/2012				53,300		\$ 742,469	
	2/23/2012					134,650	\$ 13.93	729,813
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		666,750	1,333,500				
	4/26/2012				17,700			170,274
	4/26/2012 ⁽⁴⁾			154,650	309,300		48,200	9.62
John T. Drexler	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	117,000	360,000	747,000				
	2/23/2012				29,700			413,721
	2/23/2012					74,950	13.93	406,234
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		371,250	742,500				
Paul A. Lang	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	163,854	504,167	1,046,146				
	2/23/2012				33,000			459,690
	2/23/2012					83,300	13.93	451,492
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		412,500	825,000				
	4/26/2012				13,550			188,752
	4/26/2012 ⁽⁴⁾			118,200	236,400		36,850	9.62
David N. Warnecke	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	78,000	240,000	498,000				
	2/23/2012				26,400			413,721
	2/23/2012					66,650	13.93	729,813
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		330,000	660,000				
Robert G. Jones	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	71,175	219,000	454,425				
	2/23/2012				21,900			305,067
	2/23/2012					55,300	13.93	299,730
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		273,750	547,500				
Steven F. Leer	2/23/2012 ⁽³⁾	261,430	804,399	1,669,128				
	2/23/2012				81,850			1,140,171
	2/23/2012					206,700	13.93	1,120,329
	2/23/2012 ⁽⁴⁾		1,023,750	2,047,500				

- (1) Amounts represent the number of stock options we granted to the NEOs during 2012. Refer to the information under the heading "Elements of Our Compensation Program" in the sub-section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for more information about our stock option awards.
- (2) Amounts represent the grant date fair value of restricted stock, restricted stock units or stock options we awarded to the NEOs for 2012 determined in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 (formerly referred to as Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R, *Share-Based Payment*). The determination of grant date fair value is subject to certain estimates and assumptions described in Note 16 to our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012 and under the heading "Stock-Based Compensation" in the section entitled "Critical Accounting Policies" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.
- (3) Amounts represent the potential amounts payable to each NEO under the annual cash incentive awards for 2012 assuming threshold, target and maximum levels of performance. Amounts paid to each NEO under our annual cash incentive awards for 2012 have been

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included under the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" in the Summary Compensation Table.

(4)

Amounts represent the potential amounts payable in 2015 to each NEO under performance units awarded in 2012 assuming target and maximum levels of performance for the 2012 - 2014 performance period. You should see the information under the heading "Elements of Our Compensation Program" in the sub-section entitled "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" for more information about our performance unit awards.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2012

The following table shows information relating to the equity awards previously made to the NEOs which remain outstanding at December 31, 2012.

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	
John W. Eaves	0 ⁽²⁾	48,200 ⁽²⁾	0	\$ 9.62	4/26/2022	0			