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CONSOL Energy s Assets Coal Reserves

Large, contiguous blocks owned-in fee

Heat content

Location Transportation

River transportation subsidiary

Dual rail access at several mines

Coal export terminal Gas Company

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U.S. data from EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2008 Early Release, years 2006 and 2030; world data from IEA, World Energy Cenergy Demand Today
453 QBtu
/ Year
81% Fossil Energy

703 QBtu

/ Year

82% Fossil Energy

Energy Demand 2030

124 QBtu/Year

84% Fossil Energy

101 QBtu/Year

85% Fossil Energy

+24%

+55%

Global Long-Term Demand for Energy

Source: DOE NETL

**United States** 

World

5 Domestic Electricity Generation Forecast AEO 08 (early release) 0 500 1,000 1,500

- 2,000 2,500 3,000 3,500 2004
- 2006
- 2008
- 2010
- 2012
- 2014
- 2016
- 2018
- 2020
- 2022
- 2024
- 2026
- 2028 2030
- 55.4%
- 55.4%
- Petroleum
- Petroleum
- Coal
- Coal
- Natural gas
- Natural gas
- Renewables
- Renewables
- Nuclear
- Nuclear
- 14.0%
- 14.0%
- 17.5%
- 17.5%
- 11.6%
- 11.6% 1.2%
- 1.2%
- 48.6%
- 48.6%
- Source: DOE NETL

Largest Coal Reserve Holder East of MS. River Northern Appalachia

Reserves ~ 2.7 billion tons

Production: 52.9 million tons

#### Central Appalachia

Reserves ~ 800 million tons

Production: 10.7 million tons

Illinois Basin

Reserves ~ 700 million tons

PRB

Reserves ~ 300 million tons

\* 2007

production

includes

1.0

million

tons

from

Emery,

UT.

Reserves

include

31

mmt

assigned

to

UT

and

129 mmt

assigned

to

Western

Canada.

Profile of CONSOL Coal\*

Reserves ~ 4.5 BNt

2007 Production: 64.6 Mt

Avg. Reserve Life: 25+ years

Operating Mine Complexes: 15

7 Coal Reserves Owned-in-fee ~ 77 QBtu Advantages of ownership:

Leverage to higher pricing

Ability

% Owned QBtu Owned **CONSOL** Energy 4.5 70% 76.9 Peabody (excl. Patriot) 8.8 42% 70.2 Patriot Coal 1.2 55% 16.5 Foundation Coal 1.6 45% 15.1 Massey Energy 2.3 18% 10.4 Arch Coal 2.9 13% 9.0 Alpha Natural Resources 0.5 5%

to forecast and control future costs

no
LBA
payments
Coal Reserves
Approx.
Approx.
Company
(billions of tons)

0.6

Source: Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. QBtu calculated using an estimated Btu average that is dependent on coal basin ownership mix.

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Heating Value ~ 99% of Production is High-Btu
8,400
13,000
12,500
8,800
11,500
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0 5,000 10,000 15,000 PRB PRB ILB **CAPP NAPP** Btu s per pound of coal Approx. 80% of CONSOL s coal production Approx. 19% of CONSOL s coal production \* Remaining 1% of production includes approximately 1.0 million tons from

Emery, UT.

9 Close Proximity to Scrubbed Customers By 2012, ~ 142 gigawatts scrubbed East of MS. River 60 generating units within 50 miles of CONSOL s Pitt8 coal reserves

CONSOL s Assets in Appalachia

Producing Complexes: 14

Reserves: 3.5 billion tons

Scrubber Builds Are Being Completed
Since 2006, CONSOL has signed 6 multi-year, multi-million ton agreements with domestic customers that in aggregate ~ 250 million tons of high-Btu coal 62%
28%
10%

Thru 12/31/08 2009-2010 2011+

Percentage of Gigawatts Scrubbed by Year

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NAPP Pricing Has Converged with CAPP

Source: EIA

Why the convergence?

1. Sulfur disadvantage

no longer exists

- 2. Stockpiles low in NAPP
- 3. Metallurgical customers shopping for NAPP steam

coal for substitution

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Up Cycle Just Beginning for Steam Coal?
API #2 to ARA
$-
$20
$40
$60
$80
$100
$120
$140
Last up cycle for coal ~ 2 years
Current price ~ $134
for 2009 delivery
API #2 to ARA ($/metric tonne)
110
$
130
$
150
Implied pricing of 3.4# NAPP ($/short ton)
57
$
72
$
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87 \$

\*assumes vessel rate to ARA of \$35

13 100% Ownership of Coal Export Terminal Largest exporter of coal in the U.S. Served by two rail lines

Norfolk Southern

CSX Transport Capacity

Practical: 12 million tons Export Terminal at the Port of Baltimore Export Terminal at the Port of Baltimore Ground storage

1.2 million tons Coal exports

For 2007, approx. 6.9 mm tons

For 2008, up another ~25% Countries served

Denmark, England, France, Germany, Ireland, Portugal

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Forecast: Coal Exports Up 20 million tons in 2 years
Coal Exports
69.6
57.6
49.6
0

20,000 40,000 60,000 80,000 100,000 120,000

Sources: EIA, PIRA. Estimates include steam and metallurgical coal.

Unpriced Volumes Ability to Capitalize on Up Cycle 33.4
4.5
53.1
5.1
62.8

5.2 Unpriced Steam Coal Unpriced Low-Vol Met Coal Production Guidance 

76.6