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**INTERNATIONAL COAL GROUP MINING OPERATIONS
EARN THREE PRESTIGIOUS WEST VIRGINIA SAFETY AWARDS**

Scott Depot, West Virginia, February 5, 2010 – International Coal Group, Inc. (NYSE: ICO) today announced that three of its mining operations received the prestigious Mountaineer Guardian Award for outstanding safety performance in 2009 from the West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training and the West Virginia Coal Association.

The ICG Eastern Birch River Surface Mine, the ICG Eastern Birch River Preparation Plant and Wolf Run Mining Company's Imperial Mine each received the award at the annual West Virginia Mining Symposium in Charleston.

West Virginia state mine inspectors and the West Virginia Coal Association nominated the ICG operations for the award, which has been presented annually since 1983 to recognize outstanding safety achievement.

This is the third consecutive year that the Birch River Surface Mine and Preparation Plant garnered Mountaineer Guardian Awards and the second consecutive year that the Imperial Mine was honored. In addition, all three operations have previously been recognized by various federal and state agencies for their outstanding safety records.

"The Mountaineer Guardian Award recognizes the commitment to safety of our employees at the Birch River and Imperial mining operations," said ICG President and CEO Ben Hatfield. "Their outstanding efforts reflect on ICG's overarching priority to protect the health, safety and well-being of our miners."

International Coal Group is a leading producer of coal in Northern and Central Appalachia and the Illinois Basin. The Company has 13 active mining complexes, of which 12 are located in Northern and Central Appalachia, and one in Central Illinois. ICG's mining operations and reserves are strategically located to serve utility, metallurgical and industrial customers domestically and internationally.

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