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Office of the President
September 11, 2015

Members, Board of Trustees:

APPOINTMENT/REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY MINING ENGINEERING FOUNDATION, INC.

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the appointment of Richard L. Craig and Ronald H. Gray and the reappointment of Harry Childress, Gaither Frazier, Dell Jagers, Dennis Kennedy, C. K. Lane, D. L. Lobb, Danny Maggard, Thomas Myers, D.J. Patton, David Rasnick, Donald Ratliff, Joseph Sottile, and Jack Whitaker to the Board of Directors of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation for two-year terms ending June 30, 2017.

Background: The Nominating Committee of the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, which includes the Dean of the College of Engineering, recommended these appointments to the Provost. These recommended appointments require approval by the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for the University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation approved by the Board of Trustees at its December 14, 1982 meeting.

Action taken: Approved Disapproved Other _____

Bios for Board of Directors
University of Kentucky Mining Engineering Foundation, Inc.

Appointments:

Richard L. Craig: Mr. Craig is the Vice President of Operations for Armstrong Coal Company. During his 23 year career, he also held management positions with Alpha Natural Resources, Cumberland Resources Corporation, James River Coal Company and Massey Energy. Mr. Craig graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering.

Ronald H. Gray: Mr. Gray currently serves as the Executive Director for the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, Inc. He has 43 years of experience in construction and association management, working closely with the Division of Natural Resources and the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Mr. Gray holds a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Georgetown College earned in 1968.

Reappointments:

Harry Childress: Mr. Childress retired from Cumberland Resources Corp. as a Government Affairs Agent and currently manages his own consulting business, Childress and Associates. He graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1974 with a B.S. in Mining Engineering.

Gaither Frazier: Mr. Frazier is currently the Regional President for Arch Coal, Appalachia Western Region. He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Kentucky with a B.S. in Mining Engineering.

Dell Jagers: Mr. Jagers is President of Poplar Ridge Enterprises in Nicholasville, KY. He received degrees from Georgetown College and the University of Kentucky.

Dennis Kennedy: Mr. Kennedy is employed by SNF Flomin. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Virginia – Wise.

C.K. Lane: Mr. Lane has been Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of James River Coal Co. since joining the firm in January 2005. He received a B.S. degree in Mining Engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

D.L. Lobb: Mr. Lobb is the Group Executive of Operations Support – Americas for Peabody Energy, responsible for all technical, land, project management, continuous improvement, asset management and supply chain functions. He holds a B.S. in Mining Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

Danny Maggard: Mr. Maggard has served as the Chief Engineer at Kentucky River Properties since 1990. He graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1976 with a B.S. in Civil Engineering with a Mining emphasis.

Thomas Myers: Mr. Myers is currently the Assistant Vice President, Mining at Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Kentucky.

D.J. Patton: Mr. Patton is a charter member of the Mining Engineering Foundation. He received his B.S. in Mining Engineering in 1966 from the University of Kentucky.

David Rasnick: Mr. Rasnick joined Summit Engineering in 1978 and currently is the Vice President and Project Manager. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1978 from the University of Kentucky.

Donald Ratliff: Mr. Ratliff is Vice President of State Government Affairs for Alpha Natural Resources. He holds a B.A. in Biology from Carson-Newman College as well as an M.S. in Safety from Marshall University.

Joseph Sottile: Dr. Sottile is a tenured Professor in Mining Engineering at the University of Kentucky. He received his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the Pennsylvania State University.

Jack E. Whitaker: Mr. Whitaker is Vice President of ECCO Mining Company in Lexington, KY and is also Chairman of the Board of Whitaker Bank Corporation of Kentucky.