



AMERICA WEST RESOURCES, INC. (OTCBB/OTCQB:AWSR)

U.S. producer of high BTU, low ash, thermal coal



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Stock Price (01/30/12):	\$0.24	Headquarters:	57 West 200 South, Suite 400 Salt Lake City, Utah 84101
Shares Outstanding:	64.66 Million	Phone:	801-521-3292
Estimated Public Float:	12.77 Million	Web Site:	www.AmericaCoal.com
Market Capitalization:	\$15.52 Million	Fiscal Year End:	December 31
52-Week Low/High:	\$0.14/\$2.20	# of Employees:	100
Insider Ownership:	22%		



CORPORATE SUMMARY

Headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, **America West Resources** is an established domestic coal producer focused on the mining of high quality, compliant (low-sulfur) steam coal, also referred to as thermal coal. Since 2003, the Company has owned and operated the Horizon Coal Mine, located 12 miles outside of Helper, Utah – about 120 miles southeast of Salt Lake City in Carbon County.

In May 2011, America West announced that it had successfully completed mine development at Horizon and commenced full production. During the three-year mine development phase, the Company created a network of five interconnected 20-foot wide tunnels, which now extend up to three miles underground when measured from the surface entrance of the mine to the farthest working area of the mine. Development

also included the installation of electrical, water supply, shuttle car, conveyor belt and advanced safety systems throughout the entire mine, necessary to support full production.

Horizon is currently one of only nine active coal mines in Utah. There are approximately 16 million remaining tons of coal reserves under lease at the Horizon Mine, which is anticipated to take more than a decade to mine at the Company's current production rate of nearly 60,000 tons per month. However, management is currently executing a series of expansion strategies to materially increase its monthly coal production in order to fulfill contracted coal sales that represent approximately \$186 million in revenues to the Company over the next five years and up to approximately \$285 million over the next decade.

These planned initiatives range from expanding its current mining operations from two mine section to three sections; acquiring new or upgraded mining equipment, which will ultimately include a longwall mining system; and acquiring additional coal reserves that are adjacent to the Horizon mine, thereby effectively extending Horizon's minable life for at least an additional 20 years. Management estimates that there are in excess of 100 million tons of additional coal reserves on this adjacent property. The Company is also pursuing exponential growth through acquisition of additional coal reserves and coal mining operations in the Western region of the U.S. and in key international energy markets, including China and India.

America West is led by its President and CEO Dan Baker, who has more than 40 years of coal industry experience, having served as a longwall foreman, senior mining engineer, longwall superintendent and manager of underground operations for United States Steel Corporation, Kaiser Steel Corporation, Braztah Corporation, Utah Power and Light Company, Emery Mining Corporation and Kaiser Coal Corporation. In 1987, Dan joined Interwest Mining Company as Vice President/Operations, overseeing both underground and surface mines in Utah, Wyoming, Washington and Australia for PacifiCorp. He served on the Interwest Board of Directors and was a member of the mining and fuels team for PacifiCorp's international activities. Dan became President and Chief Executive Officer of Interwest and Vice President/Fuels for PacifiCorp in January 1998; positions he held until he became Executive Vice President at CONSOL Energy in November 1999. At CONSOL Energy, he provided overall leadership, strategic direction and management oversight of all mining operations, intent on producing quality coal at a low cost and while complying with the highest safety standards.



MINER HEALTH AND SAFETY PRACTICES

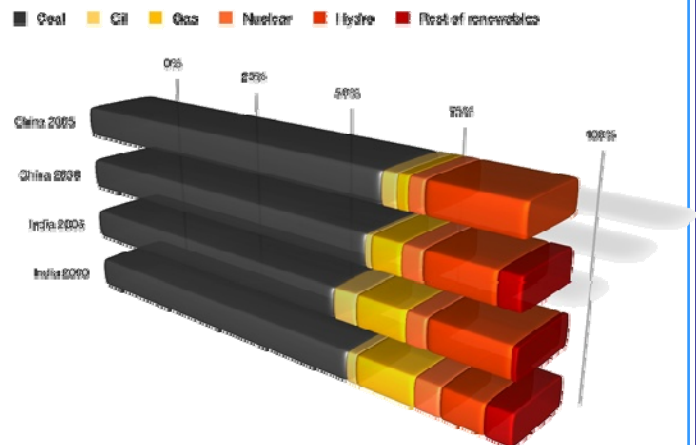
Because it is broadly recognized that coal mining, in general, is a dangerous business and subject to strict regulatory oversight, America West has endeavored to implement and maintain best industry practices to protect the health and safety of our miners and to establish and nurture a safety-minded culture at Horizon Mine.

Although the Horizon Mine has never had any mining fatalities and has had only one injury since 2005 that required hospitalization, in 2007, the Company's S&S (significant and substantial) violation rate stood at 8.7 incidents per 200,000 hours worked in our mine. By comparison, the industry average at that time was 4.74 incidents per 200,000 hours. The Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) safety citations that the Horizon Mine incurred that year were largely attributable to cited roof falls in dormant former excavation areas of our mine, where there was no active mining activity underway. Nonetheless, in late 2007, America West took immediate action, modifying its roof support plan; implementing advanced safety and emergency rescue training for its miners; and designing and executing improvements to its general mine development strategy. As a result, in 2008, the Company saw its S&S violation rate drop precipitously, falling 73% to 2.33 incidents per 200,000 hours worked in the mine – 41% better than the industry average which was 4.26 incidents per 200,000 hours worked that year. In 2009, America West achieved even better safety performance, reducing its S&S violation rate to 1.22 incidents per 200,000 hours worked – nearly 70% better than the industry average of 4.03 incidents per 200,000 hours worked. Moreover, the Horizon Mine has operated without incurring a single loss-of-work incident for over two years.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

Coal reserves are available in almost every country worldwide, with recoverable reserves in around 70 countries. At current production levels, proven coal reserves are estimated to last 119 years. In contrast, proven oil and gas reserves are equivalent to around 46 and 63 years at current production levels respectively. The United States has one of the highest concentrations of coal reserves in the world – truly an abundance of coal. Despite those reserves, coal's price is becoming more sensitive to foreign-demand pressures and events occurring beyond our borders.

According to the World Coal Institute (WCI), world primary energy demand will continue to rise, largely driven by the increasing energy needs of developing countries. Global demand for energy is expected to grow at a rate of 1.6% a year for the foreseeable future. China and India alone account for 51% of the increase in world energy demand up to 2030. Fossil fuels currently supply around 80% of primary energy and this figure is expected to remain largely the same through to 2030. In recent years, coal use has risen by 4.9% per year, faster than any other fuel. The use of coal is expected to rise by over 60% from 2006 to 2030, with developing countries responsible for 97% of this increase. China and India alone contribute 85% to the increase in demand for coal over this period of time. Most of this is in the power generation sector – coal's share in global electricity generation is set to increase from 41% to 44% by 2030.



Fuel Mix in Power Generation in China and India

Aside from generating electricity, coal has many important uses worldwide, including steel production, cement manufacturing and as a liquid fuel. WCI reports that around 5.9 billion tons of hard coal was used worldwide last year. Moreover, since 2000, global coal consumption has grown faster than any other fuel. The five largest coal users - China, USA, India, Japan and South Africa - account for 82% of total global coal use.

HORIZON COAL

Coal mined at the Horizon Mine is located in what is known as the Hiawatha Coal Seam located in the Wasatch Plateau Coal Field. The average height of the seam as it runs through the mine is approximately seven feet. The high quality coal America West extracts from the Horizon Mine generally has a BTU value of between 11,500 and 11,800 BTUs/lb. Analysis of the coal produced at the Horizon in August of 2006 reflected BTU levels as high as 12,600. Ash levels in coal substantially affect the value of coal. As it sits in place in the Hiawatha Seam, coal at the Horizon Mine contains ash at levels from 8% to 9%. Mining of the coal can increase ash levels if the rock – either above or below the coal seam – is mined and mixed with the coal taken from the seam. America West ash levels generally test out at 8% to 12%, though conditions in the mine over the last couple of years have seen higher ash levels.



MATERIAL DEVELOPMENTS

December 8, 2010 – The Company entered into a Coal Purchase and Sale Agreement with a major electric power company in the northwestern U.S. The five-year base agreement, valued at approximately \$40 million in base tons and up to an additional \$27 million in optional tons, provides for America West to supply compliant thermal coal mined from its Horizon operations and delivered pursuant to a pre-determined monthly shipping schedule beginning in 2011 and continuing through the end of 2015.

January 13, 2011 – America West announced that it has taken delivery of a new continuous miner and immediately commenced its deployment in a second section of the Horizon Mine.

February 22, 2011 – America West Resources announced that its new continuous miner, delivered in mid-January, was successfully deployed in a second section of the Horizon Mine and was being ramped up to fully operational status.

May 4, 2011– America West Resources announced that it completed a private placement of its common stock, raising total gross proceeds of approximately \$4.5 million. The terms of the private placement provided for the issuance of 4.5 million shares of common stock offered at \$1.00 per share.

May 26, 2011– America West Resources announced that it successfully completed mine development and commenced full production at Horizon Coal Mine. The cost to produce thermal coal from the mine is expected to decrease while the coal production rate is anticipated to escalate to more than 60,000 tons per month. At a sustained production rate of 60,000 tons per month, the Company will achieve positive cash flow.

July 21, 2011– America West Resources announced that it has converted a total of \$11,266,923 of debt and accrued interest into 11,266,923 shares of its common stock at \$1.00 per share. In addition, the Company further reported that it has completed a private placement of 2,000,000 common shares priced at \$1 per share, raising \$2 million in gross proceeds from accredited and institutional investors.

October 25, 2011– America West Resources announced the expansion of its Utah-based coal operations with the lease purchase of the Wildcat Loadout Facility, located just west of Helper, Utah, approximately eight miles from the Company's Horizon Mine.

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KEY INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Established Coal Producer – America West Resources is mining nearly 60,000 tons per month from its Horizon Mine.

High Coal Quality – compliance coal produced from the Horizon Mine has average BTUs ranging from 11,500 to 12,600; and coal ash levels ranging between 8% and 9% and test out at 8% and 12%.

Up to \$186 Million in Sales Backlog – in 2010, America West secured several major coal supply contracts providing for delivery of up to approximately \$186 million of compliant coal over the next five years; and total potential sales of almost \$285 million over the next decade.

Highly Skilled Mine Operations Team – led by CEO Dan Baker, noted U.S. coal mining expert, the Company's operations team has well over 100 years of combined experience in coal mining.

Strong Industry Fundamentals – Over 50% of all electricity in the U.S. is generated by coal and is expected to increase to approximately 57% by 2030. Moreover, 97% of the coal consumed in this country is from domestic mining. The U.S. is becoming a major coal exporter, resulting in declining domestic supply. 39% of the world's electricity is currently generated by coal power plants and 135 new power plants are currently in development worldwide.

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