

## Hecla Mining Executive, James A. Sabala, Elected to Arch Coal's Board of Directors

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ST. LOUIS, February 26, 2015 – Arch Coal, Inc. (NYSE:ACI) today announced that James A. Sabala, 60, has been elected to its board of directors, effective immediately. Sabala will serve on the board's audit and finance committees.

"We are very pleased to welcome Jim to our board," said John W. Eaves, Arch's president and CEO. "Jim is a highly respected leader in the mining sector, and brings with him tremendous financial acumen and a wealth of knowledge and expertise in corporate finance. I am confident he will be a valuable addition to the Arch board, and we look forward to his counsel as we continue to position Arch for long-term success in domestic and international coal markets."

Sabala currently serves as the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Hecla Mining Company, a precious metal mining company headquartered in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Prior to joining Hecla in 2008, Sabala served as executive vice president and chief financial officer for Coeur d'Alene Mines Corporation and vice president and chief financial officer for Stillwater Mining Company. Sabala also held various other positions with Coeur d'Alene Mines including controller, treasurer and vice president of finance. Early in his career, Sabala worked as a certified public accountant for Price Waterhouse and Company.

Sabala completed Stanford University's Executive Education Financial Management program, a joint Stanford and London School of Business' International Investment Management program and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business and accounting from the University of Idaho. In addition, Mr. Sabala serves on the Advisory Board to the University of Idaho College of Business.

For a full list of directors, committee assignments and other corporate governance documents, visit Arch's website at <http://investor.archcoal.com>.

U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. is one of the world's top coal producers for the global steel and power generation industries, serving customers on five continents. Its network of mining complexes is the most diversified in the United States, spanning every major coal basin in the nation. The company controls more than 5 billion tons of high-quality metallurgical and thermal coal reserves, with access to all major railroads, inland waterways and a growing number of seaborne trade channels. For more information, visit [www.archcoal.com](http://www.archcoal.com).

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