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THE AMERICAN COAL COMPANY RESPONDS TO HIRING LEVELS

The American Coal Company (“American Coal”), which directly employs approximately nine hundred thirty (930) individuals in the State of Illinois, regrets to announce that due to the ongoing destruction of the United States coal industry by President Barack Obama, and his supporters, and the increased utilization of natural gas to generate electricity, it has been forced to make some workforce reductions. Specifically, American Coal has laid off eighty-six (86) employees, effective immediately.

These layoffs are considered to be permanent, unless market conditions substantially improve. No salaried employees have been impacted by this announcement. Again, American Coal directly employs approximately nine hundred thirty (930) employees in the State of Illinois.

American Coal will continue to sell and ship coal during this period, and service to its customers will not be interrupted.

Any questions should be directed to media@coalsource.com.
