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Cloud Peak Energy Inc. Announces Promotion of Spring Creek Mine General Manager to SVP, Technical Services

GILLETTE, Wyo.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (NYSE: CLD), one of the largest U.S. coal producers and the only pure-play Powder River Basin (PRB) coal company, announced that it has promoted current Spring Creek Mine General Manager Bruce Jones to the position of Senior Vice President, Technical Services effective July 8, 2013.

Jones joined Cloud Peak Energy's Spring Creek Mine, a surface coal mine in the Northern Powder River Basin in Montana, in 2007. Prior to that role, Jones served as Production Manager at Kennecott Utah Copper.

President and Chief Executive Officer Colin Marshall said, "Bruce is a proven leader at Cloud Peak Energy. The Spring Creek Mine has a long history of operational excellence during Bruce's tenure as its General Manager. The mine is among the safest coal mines in the country and demonstrates Cloud Peak Energy's strong commitment to environmental stewardship. We look forward to Bruce's continued contributions in his new role in helping shape and execute Cloud Peak Energy's growth strategy."

Marshall continued, "I would also like to thank Nick Taylor, who has served as our Senior Vice President, Technical Services since October 2009 and previously served in various capacities with the company's predecessor, Rio Tinto. Nick will assist with the transition through his departure in August 2013. Nick has made significant contributions to our company during his many years of service, and we wish him well in his future endeavors."

The company also announced that David Schwend, Spring Creek Mine's Maintenance Manager, has been promoted to General Manager of the Spring Creek Mine as of July 8, 2013. "Dave has been instrumental in the growth of Spring Creek while working in the production and maintenance areas, and his leadership and background will add real value to the Cloud Peak Energy operations team," said Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Gary Rivenes.

About Cloud Peak Energy®

Cloud Peak Energy Inc. (**NYSE:CLD**) is headquartered in Wyoming and is one of the largest U.S. coal producers and the only pure-play PRB coal company. As one of the safest coal producers in the nation, Cloud Peak Energy specializes in the production of low sulfur, subbituminous coal. The company owns and operates three surface coal mines in the PRB, the lowest cost major coal producing region in the nation. The Antelope and Cordero Rojo mines are located in Wyoming and the Spring Creek mine is located near Decker, Montana. Cloud Peak Energy also owns rights to substantial undeveloped coal and complementary surface assets in the Northern PRB, further building the company's long-term position to serve Asian export and domestic customers. With approximately 1,700 employees, the company is widely recognized for its exemplary performance

in its safety and environmental programs. Cloud Peak Energy is a sustainable fuel supplier for approximately 4% of the nation's electricity.

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