



News Media Statement by International Coal Group, Inc.

ICG Responds to Court Ruling

Buckhannon, WV – January 26, 2006 – The following statement was issued by International Coal Group, Inc. (NYSE: ICO):

We regret the Court's decision, which facilitates the United Mine Workers of America's thinly veiled effort to interfere with the proper conduct of the Sago Mine accident investigation in a self-serving and improper attempt to launch an organizing campaign.

The employees of the Sago Mine are not represented by the UMWA. In fact, 93% of the active Sago Mine hourly employees have firmly repudiated the UMWA by designating three Sago coworkers, not the UMWA, as their miner representative.

We intend to appeal the Court's ruling. However, we will of course comply with the Court's order, and continue working closely with state and federal officials in moving the investigation forward expeditiously.

In sharp contrast to MSHA's decision to suspend the investigation while they pursued court action against us, we will not allow our appeal to delay the investigation. Our company remains fully committed to promptly getting the answers that the families, friends, and coworkers need and deserve.

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