

## **Speech on Opening Ceremony of International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China**

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Honorable leaders, distinguished experts and guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Under the authority of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), the *International Forum on Coal-bed Methane (Coal Mine Methane) & Opening Ceremony of International Centre of Excellence on Coal Mine Methane in China* is jointly organized by UNECE Sustainable Energy Division, UNECE Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, and Shanxi Coking Coal Group Co., Ltd. On behalf of Shanxi Coking Coal Group, I would like to pay high tribute to the UNECE, which is dedicated to the support of the establishment of the Centre! I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to leaders of all the ministries and commissions of the state, the Shanxi provincial Party committee and the provincial government, which have long cared for and supported Shanxi Coking Coal Group, directed and helped the methane control of Shanxi coking coal mine! I'd like to express a warm welcome to all the honorable leaders, distinguished experts and guests who come to attend the Opening Ceremony as well as the following International Forum

on Coal-bed Methane (Coal Mine Methane)!

Shanxi Coking Coal Group was founded in October 2001, which is the first coal group formed and linked by assets of China's coal industry. Shanxi Coking Coal Group has 22 sub-branches and 3 A-share listed companies. Total assets of the group is 282 billion yuan, ranking 433rd in the world's top 500 in 2016.

As the largest producer and supplier of coking coal in China, Shanxi Coking Coal Group, while continuously improving the level of coal production, has been devoted to scientific extraction and effective utilization of associated coal-bed methane resources for a long time. At present, coal production capacity of Shanxi Coking Coal Group is 174 million tons/year, CBM reserves amounted to 197.5 billion m<sup>3</sup>. 17 gas utilization projects have been built, using 230 million Nm<sup>3</sup> gas per year, and reducing carbon dioxide emissions 3.5 million tons per year.

It is precisely because of years of continuous exploration and practice in the field of coal mine methane extraction and utilization, let us have the opportunity to cooperate with all the experts of the United Nations to jointly develop a new model of global coal mine methane control. In the future, Shanxi Coking Coal Group will take advantage of the Centre as an opportunity to continue to carry out researches and practices of coal mine methane control, constantly explore new technologies of more

secure, more efficient and more in line with the actual coal mine methane extraction and utilization, and focus on the industrial practice and promotion of new technology. We will contribute our power to global coal mine methane control, clean energy use and greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Finally, we welcome you to visit the birthplace of Chinese civilization - Shanxi Province, and also welcome you to China's largest coking coal enterprises - Shanxi Coking Coal Group to do guidance exchanges.

My speech is over, thank you all!