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## **THE NORTH AMERICAN COAL CORPORATION SELLS OXBOW MINE**

DALLAS, Texas - The North American Coal Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc., Oxbow Property Company L.L.C., a wholly-owned subsidiary of The North American Coal Corporation, and Red River Mining Company, a joint venture between The North American Coal Corporation and Oxbow Property Company L.L.C. (“Sellers”), entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement (the “Purchase Agreement”) with Cleco Power LLC, Southwestern Electric Power Company, and Dolet Hills Lignite Company, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of SWEPCO (“Purchasers”). Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, Sellers will sell to Purchasers the assets constituting the surface lignite coal mine primarily situated in Red River Parish, Louisiana which is operated by Red River Mining Company and known as the Oxbow Mine.

Purchasers have agreed to pay an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$42 million in cash for the assets constituting the Oxbow Mine, which amount is subject to adjustment based upon, among other things, the results of a survey of the Oxbow Mine’s coal stockpile to be performed immediately prior to the closing. In addition, Purchasers have agreed to assume and be responsible for certain liabilities and obligations relating to the Oxbow Mine and its operation.

The completion of the sale of the Oxbow Mine is subject to customary closing conditions, including, among others, receipt by Purchasers of regulatory approvals. Upon closing, the Lignite Supply and Transportation Agreement, pursuant to which Red River Mining Company has supplied coal to the Dolet Hills Power Station, will be terminated.

The foregoing description of the Purchase Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 29, 2009 and available on the NACCO Industries website (<http://www.nacco.com/>).

*The North American Coal Corporation, a subsidiary of NACCO Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NC), mines and markets lignite coal primarily as fuel for power generation and provides selected value-added mining services for other natural resources companies. Corporate headquarters are located in Dallas, Texas, with surface mining operations in Texas, North Dakota, Louisiana and Mississippi, and limerock mining operations in Florida.*