

# Eastern Coal Council

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### "Jim McGlothlin will Headline Eastern Coal Council Conference"

Richlands, VA - James W. McGlothlin, Founder, Chair & CEO of The United Company, a diversified energy company, of Bristol, Virginia, will headline the Eastern Coal Council's 27<sup>th</sup> annual conference. The Eastern Coal Council is sponsoring its 27th annual Conference and Exposition, "**MEETING WORLD ENERGY NEEDS BY IMPROVING & INCREASING COAL UTILIZATION**", September 11 and 12, 2006. The meeting will be at the MeadowView Conference Resort & Convention Center, Kingsport, TN.

The United Company started in March 1970 in surface coal mining. Jim founded the company and lead it through the coal boom through the energy crisis, mining and processing coal for a country hungry for energy. As the coal industry matured, McGlothlin's company invested its money in oil, gas, power generation, industrial parts distribution, golf and finance. The United Company evolved from a coal company to an investment and venture firm. United's financial management division is now its largest, it manages assets for United, but also for individuals, endowments, retirement plans and trusts.

The United Company is private, but its financial expertise is now public in a no-load, open-end mutual fund. In June 1998, the company launched the UC Investment Fund (UCIFX. \$12.17) whose objectives are capital and income growth. Participating in the \$44 million fund requires a \$2,500 initial investment, or \$1,000 for retirement plans.

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Conference attendees will have the opportunity to tour Eastman Chemical's Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) facility. Eastman has a long, successful history of coal Gasification. The IGCC facility helps support the company's overall strategy to deliver greener, smarter and lower-cost solutions to the markets. Eastman Gasification Services Company offers more than 21 years of industry-leading coal gasification operating experience and know-how. It provides technical service extending from the initial design throughout long-term operations.

The annual golf outing will be Monday afternoon, September 11, at the MeadowView's Cattails Golf Course. Denis Griffiths designed the 18 Hole championship course. The Cattails Course is conveniently located beside the Hotel.

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Photos of presenters available for media on Eastern Coal Council website.

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