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"Eastern Coal Council Conference Attendees Tour Eastman Chemical's IGCC Facility "

Richlands, VA - 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.

Conference attendees 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.

Eastman was the first to operate a commercial coal gasification facility in the United States and has maintained a nearly 100 percent reliability rate for more than two decades. Eastman Gasification Services Company is the central part of the clean fuel solution offering a broad range of services to include: full operations, maintenance and management; technical support and consulting; critical parts fabrication and supply; and patented feed injector and sulfur-free startup technologies, all designed to help customers maximize the value creation and performance of gasification investments. Eastman's level of operational excellence has made it the performance benchmark for the industry.

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The annual golf outing will be Monday morning, 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.

For additional information or to register contact the EASTERN COAL COUNCIL, P. O. Box 858, Richlands, VA 24641. PHONE: 276/964-6363 or 964-9088, FAX: 276/964-6342, or E-Mail: ECC@Netscope.Net. Check the Eastern Coal Council's website for additional information and updates " easterncoalcouncil.org "

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

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