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Professional Summary

Results-driven Director of Preparation and Processing with over 40 years of progressive leadership experience in coal processing, plant operations, and material handling systems. Proven success in improving production efficiency, reducing costs, and implementing safety and training programs across multiple large-scale operations. Recognized for strategic vision, hands-on leadership, and dedication to operational excellence and environmental stewardship.

Professional Experience

- 2022 – Present | American Consolidated Natural Resources

****Director of Preparation (ACNR / Foresight / Crimson Oak Grove Coal)****

- • Oversaw multiple processing plants and quality control operations.
- • Enhanced plant efficiency and improved magnetite recovery across company operations.
- • Directed upgrades and modernization projects to increase processing availability.
- 2019 – 2022 | Murray Energy

****Director of Preparation****

- • Collaborated with quality control teams to maintain product consistency and shipment quality.
- • Implemented process improvements to meet production and safety standards.
- 2014 – 2019 | Foresight Energy LLC

****Director of Preparation and Processing****

- • Directed operations for processing 21+ million tons annually across 8000 TPH systems.
- • Implemented cost-reduction initiatives saving over \$2M annually.
- • Developed comprehensive training programs for 150+ employees.
- • Led capital projects exceeding \$50M, improving production and environmental efficiency.
- 2011 – 2014 | Alpha Natural Resources

****Director of Preparation (North Division)****

- Established Prep 101 classes for 300 employees, elevating safety and plant efficiency.
- Designed and executed multiple capital projects totaling over \$20M under budget.
- Led upgrades that improved processing recovery and plant productivity.
- 2005 – 2011 | Massey Energy / Massey Coal Services

****Regional Director of Processing****

- Supervised 25+ preparation plant operations across multiple states.
- Developed plant safety and operational standards, reducing incidents company-wide.
- Managed large-scale capital projects exceeding \$200M, including design and implementation of new preparation plants.
- 2002 – 2005 | Massey Energy / Independence & Omar Coal Company

****President****

- Oversaw company-wide operations, safety, and environmental compliance.
- Awarded Green Miner Award for Most Improved Environmental Operation.
- Developed and implemented new material handling and conveyor systems.
- 1982 – 2002 | Massey Energy / Elk Run Coal Company

****Superintendent → General Foreman → Control Room Operator****

- Advanced through multiple leadership roles overseeing coal handling, blending, and preparation plants.
- Implemented new processing standards improving efficiency and plant availability by 10%.
- Supervised teams operating 2200–4000 TPH facilities with complex conveyor systems.
- 1979 – 1982 | Early Career Roles

****General Labor / Equipment Operator / Supervisor****

- Worked across construction, coal service, and mining operations developing hands-on technical expertise.
- Progressed from field roles into supervisory positions demonstrating leadership potential early in career.

Leadership & Professional Affiliations

- President, Coal Preparation Society of America (CPSA), 2022–2024
- Former Vice President & Current Board Member, CPSA
- Former President, Midwest Coal Prep Society
- Lead initiatives for industry training and conference development (Coalprotec 2024)

Education & Training

- High School Diploma (1979)
- Management Values Training & Vocational Mining Education
- Metallurgical Coal Training (UEC/USX, SGS)
- MSHA Investigation Courses
- MBA Short Course for Managers

References

Available upon request