

Gaohe Coal Mine Project Receives “Excellent” Rating from Shanxi Provincial Standards

Vancouver, British Columbia- October 21, 2011 – Merit Consultants International Inc. (the “Company” or “Merit Consultants”) is pleased to announce that the Director of the Coal Industry Engineering Quality Supervision Department of Shanxi Provincial Coal Industry Bureau gave the Gaohe Mine Construction Project received a final score of 94.4 and that the Gaohe Preparation Plant Construction Project received a final score of 91.8. With scores this high, both projects are regarded as "Excellent" construction projects according to the Provincial Standards.

Vice President of Shanxi Gaohe Energy Company, Mr. Mark Zik

“On Friday October 21, 2011, the final review meeting for the Construction Quality Verification Inspection of Shanxi Lu'An Group Gaohe Coal Mine (Preparation Plant included) Project (6 million tons) was held at the East Downing International Hotel in Changzhi. During the meeting, it was announced by Mr. Wang Yazhou, Director of the Coal Industry Engineering Quality Supervision Department of Shanxi Provincial Coal Industry Bureau that the Gaohe Mine Construction Project received a final score of 94.4 and that the Gaohe Preparation Plant Construction Project received a final score of 91.8. With scores this high, both projects are regarded as "Excellent" construction projects according to the Provincial Standards. Mr. Wang Yazhou further stated that the final mine score of 94.4 is the highest score for a mine construction project ever issued in Shanxi Province. It's also suggested that our relevant construction companies including the contractors can apply for State level qualifications.

On behalf of the management of the Gaohe JV, we would like to offer our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of the hard work and effort that went into achieving this momentous milestone. To achieve this level of excellence on a project of this magnitude requires the dedication and diligence of all parties involved. Thank you for your excellent work and lets all strive to continue to reach this level of excellence in our daily work and pass the final acceptance with excellence before the end of this year. Congratulations on a job well done.”



Merit has been providing Project Management services for the Gaohe Project since 2006. Merit’s site team has worked on the CAPEX monitoring, project scheduling, safety inspection and quality control. Merit also provided services of the client with the commissioning of the coal wash plant and building the new rail spur.



About Merit Consultants International Inc.

Merit Consultants International Inc. (Merit), a private Canadian company, has been providing Project and Construction Management services to clients in the mining and resource industry worldwide including the USA, Canada, China Australia, Chile, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Guyana, Myanmar, Mexico, Greenland, Portugal, Ecuador, Vietnam, Guatemala, Russia and Turkey.

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On behalf of Merit Consultants International Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Collins", written over a horizontal line.

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