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FutureGen Alliance's Board of Directors Elects New Officers and Directors

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The FutureGen Alliance announced today that its board of directors has elected individuals to new positions who will play critical roles in moving the Alliance forward through the project's preliminary design and final site selection process. The new positions are:

- Chairman of the Board: Greg A. Walker, Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary, Foundation Coal Holdings, Inc.;
- Vice Chairman of the Board: Chris M. Hobson, Senior Vice President Research and Environmental Affairs, Southern Company Generation;
- Secretary and Treasurer: Steven Winberg, General Manager Research & Development, CONSOL Energy Inc.; and
- Senior Vice President, Project Development: Jerry J. Oliver

Mr. Walker replaces outgoing Chairman of the Board, Dr. Charles H. Goodman. Mr. Winberg replaces Secretary and Treasurer Dr. Frank Burke.

"The Alliance could not have accomplished so much since its formation 18 months ago without the outstanding leadership, dedication, and contribution of Drs. Goodman and Burke," said Michael J. Mudd, Alliance Chief Executive Officer. "We appreciate their contributions. They have been instrumental in starting the momentum for this important international project.

"The board of directors has appointed the right leadership team to guide the Alliance through the critical activities and decisions in the coming year as we continue our very aggressive schedule to develop the cleanest coal-fueled plant ever to be built."

"The Alliance membership now consists of 12 members with global operations in the mining and power generation sectors," continued Mudd. "The 12 individuals serving on the Board of Directors bring many years of experience in the many critical aspects of energy project development such as legal, financial, engineering, environmental, project management and construction, as well as, safety and facility operations. The human resources supplied by the Alliance member companies provide this broad-based skill set."

About the new appointees:

Chairman of the Board: Greg A. Walker assumed the position of Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Foundation Coal on July 30, 2004. In this position, he oversees the legal, land, environmental and government affairs functions of a major U.S. coal

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producer. He has more than 25 years of experience with legal and regulatory issues in the domestic and international mining and energy sectors.

Vice Chairman of the Board: Chris M. Hobson, Senior Vice President Research and Environmental Affairs, joined Southern Company in 1973. He previously held positions as manager, environmental laboratory; manager, licensing and compliance; and coordinator of agency affairs in Washington. In addition to his responsibilities associated with environmental issues for Southern Company, Chris is responsible for the development of technologies that support the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Southern Company's efforts include the development of coal gasification technology at its Power System Development Facility in Wilsonville, Alabama as well as advancing renewable and energy efficiency technologies.

Secretary and Treasurer: Steve Winberg is the General Manager for CONSOL Energy Research & Development and has 28 years of experience in the energy industry, ranging from power generation equipment design and installation to use of innovative fuels. Steve began his career with Foster Wheeler as a start-up engineer on coal-fired utility boilers. He spent 14 years in the natural gas industry working on various environmental issues including co-firing, re-burn, and natural gas compressor compliance. He represented the gas industry on EPA's Acid Rain Advisory Committee and participated in various regulatory rulemaking initiatives involving end-use application of natural gas.

Senior Vice President, Project Development: Jerry Oliver recently retired from Bechtel where he served for more than 11 years in numerous capacities overseeing technical issues and project developments, and operations around the world. During his career he also served in various technical and project management capacities for major corporations such as Kennecott Copper, Exxon Minerals and British Petroleum. He brings significant experience working with technology centers of excellence, front-end engineering and estimating for project development, and project development management. He has been consulting for FutureGen during 2006.

Four candidate sites – two in Texas and two in Illinois – are vying to host FutureGen. The U.S. Department of Energy is reviewing the candidate sites in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act prior to the Alliance's selection of a final site by late-summer 2007.

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About the FutureGen Alliance

The FutureGen Alliance, a non-profit organization, represents some of the world's largest coal companies and electric utilities including: American Electric Power, Anglo American, BHP Billiton, the China Huaneng Group, CONSOL Energy Inc., E.ON U.S., Foundation Coal, PPL Corporation, Rio Tinto Energy America, Peabody Energy, Southern Company, and Xstrata Coal.. These companies provide energy to tens of millions of residential, business, and industrial customers in North America, Asia, Australia, Europe, Africa and South America. The Alliance is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy to design and build the facility. Learn more about FutureGen and the Alliance at www.FutureGenAlliance.org.