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**MASSEY ENERGY STATEMENT ON UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMORS RELATING
TO CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

RICHMOND, VA, April 30, 2010 – Massey Energy Company (NYSE:MEE) provided the following statement regarding a National Public Radio report about an investigation by the FBI.

Massey has no knowledge of criminal wrongdoing.

It is not uncommon that an accident of the size and scope of UBB would lead to a comprehensive investigation by relevant law enforcement agencies.

We are cooperating with all agencies that are investigating the tragedy at UBB. Massey does not and will not tolerate any improper or illegal conduct and will respond aggressively as circumstances warrant.

Massey Energy Company, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, with operations in West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia, is the largest coal producer in Central Appalachia and is included in the S&P 500 Index.

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