

Oxford Resource Partners, LP Wins Good Neighbor Award

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 6, 2011 – Oxford Resource Partners, LP (NYSE: OXF) (“Oxford”) today announced that it is the 2011 recipient of the Good Neighbor Award for successfully working with the surrounding land owners and the community while completing mining and reclamation, and the National Award for achieving exemplary mining and reclamation practices.

President and Chief Executive Officer Charles C. Ungurean commented, “We are honored to receive this prestigious award which is a testament to our dedication of working closely with local communities during reclamation efforts. As the leading producers of surface mined coal in Ohio, Oxford employees recognize the importance of thriving communities, and they are proactive in engaging their neighbors. I would like to congratulate them for their diligent efforts.”

The Columbus-based company was the only coal mining operator to be recognized with the Good Neighbor Award this year. Recognized for working closely with local communities during reclamation efforts, Oxford Mining allowed multiple groups to use its Jockey Hollow West site as an outdoor classroom, reforestation research and monitoring and training for coal mine inspectors. The company also allowed the American Chestnut Foundation to use the site as a production source for blight-resistant chestnut tree seeds.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement presented the awards at a banquet sponsored by the National Mining Association in Washington, DC last week.

About Oxford Resource Partners, LP

Oxford Resource Partners, LP is a low cost producer of high value steam coal in Northern Appalachia and the Illinois Basin. The Partnership markets its coal primarily to large electric utilities with coal-fired, base-load scrubbed power plants under long-term coal sales contracts. As of December 31, 2010, the Partnership controlled 93.5 million tons of proven and probable coal reserves, and it currently operates 22 active surface mines that are managed as eight mining complexes. The Partnership is headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. For more information about Oxford Resource Partners, LP, please visit www.oxfordresources.com.

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