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## **Opportunities to Transform the Future of Coal through Technology**

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## About CONSOL Energy Inc.

### **Overview**

- Publicly-traded (NYSE:CEIX) coal producer and exporter based in Canonsburg, PA
- Assets include:
  - ~90% economic ownership of the Pennsylvania Mining Complex (PAMC)<sup>(1)</sup>
  - CONSOL Marine Terminal (CMT) in Baltimore, MD
  - Itmann Mine Project in Wyoming County, WV
  - 1.5 billion tons of undeveloped coal reserves<sup>(2)</sup> in the Northern Appalachian, Central Appalachian, and Illinois Basins
- PAMC is the largest underground coal mining complex in North America, consisting of the Bailey, Enlow Fork, and Harvey coal mines and related infrastructure
  - 669 mm tons of reserves in the Pittsburgh No. 8 coal seam<sup>(3)</sup>
  - Five longwalls and 15-17 continuous mining sections
  - Central prep plant (8,200 raw tons/h) and rail loadout (9,000 clean tons/h)
  - 2019 production = 27.3 million tons
- CMT transloaded 12.6 million tons of coal in 2019
- Itmann began development mining in April 2020 (low-vol met coal)





<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of 75% undivided interest in PAMC, plus GP ownership and ~60% LP interest in CONSOL Coal Resources LP (NYSE:CCR), which owns the remaining 25% interest in PAMC.

3 (3) As of December 31, 2019.

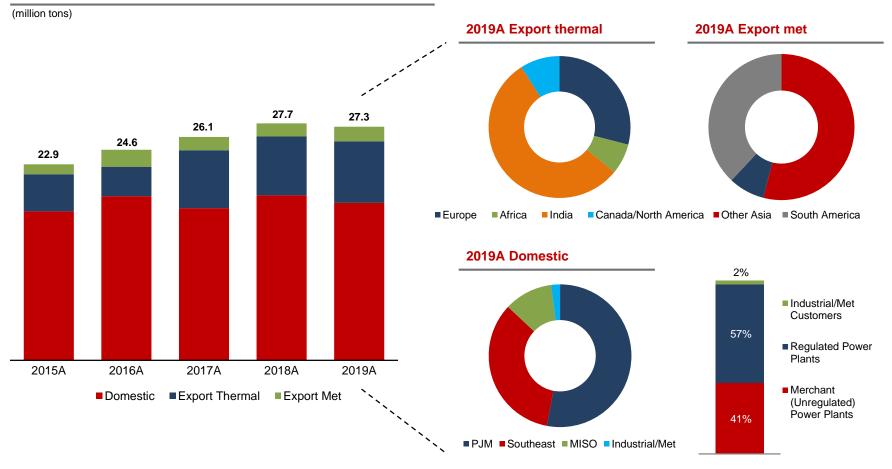




<sup>(2)</sup> Undeveloped reserves do not include any of the 669 million tons of reserves associated with PAMC or 21 million tons of reserves associated with Itmann



### Annual coal sales



In 2019, the Company sold PAMC coal to 23 domestic power plants located in 13 states, and to thermal and metallurgical end-users located across five continents.

## Our Legacy is Built on Safety, Compliance, and Continuous Improvement

- PA Mining Complex's MSHA reportable incident rate was 40% lower than the industry average from 2015 2019<sup>1</sup>
- 2019 marked 6th consecutive year with an environmental compliance record exceeding 99.9%<sup>1</sup>
- Board-level HSE Committee oversees procedures for identifying, assessing, monitoring, and managing ESG risks
- Became a Bettercoal Supplier in 2019 focused on continuous improvement of sustainability performance

## Our Future is Based on Efficiency, Technology, and Innovation

- Innovative technologies deployed at PA Mining Complex directly relate to ESG aspects of greatest impact to CONSOL
  - Partnerships with Komatsu Mining Corporation, Environmental Commodities Corporation, and OMNIS Bailey, LLC
- Recently recognized for sector leadership in ESG disclosures, transparency, and strategic initiatives<sup>2,3</sup>

### ESG Aspects of Greatest Stakeholder Concern and Impact to CONSOL



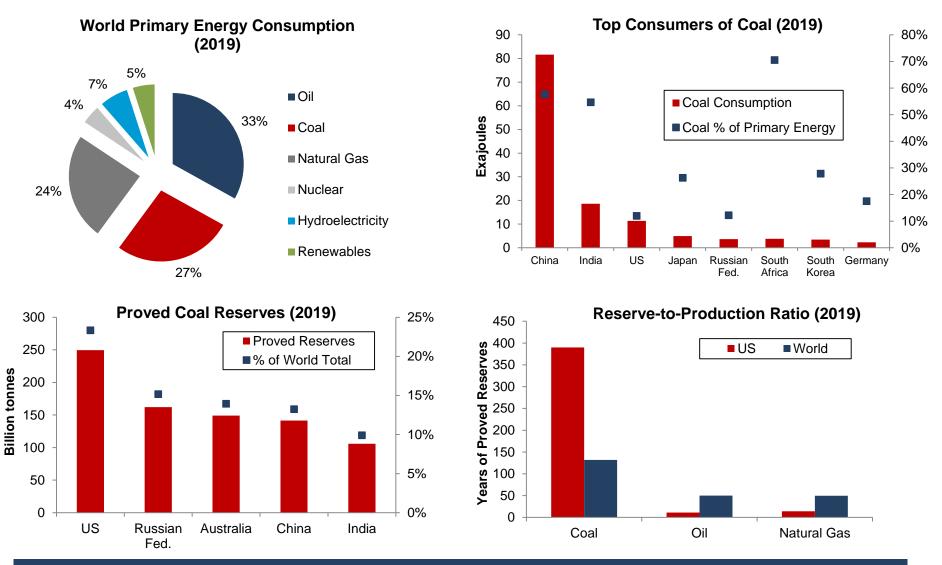
(2) B Riley FBR, Can Coal Miners Weather the ESG Storm?, Industry Update, May 13, 2019.

(3) Thomson Reuters, Transparency: The Pathway to Leadership for Carbon Intensive Businesses, February, 2019.



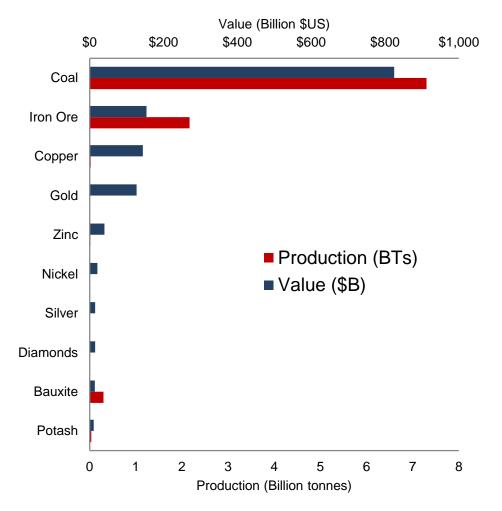
## The U.S. Coal Reserve Base Remains a Valuable, Strategic National Resource





Coal remains the second largest primary energy source in the world, and the U.S. holds the world's richest coal reserve base. We must ensure that technology is in place to take advantage of this valuable national resource.

## Putting The Importance of the Coal Mining Industry in Perspective

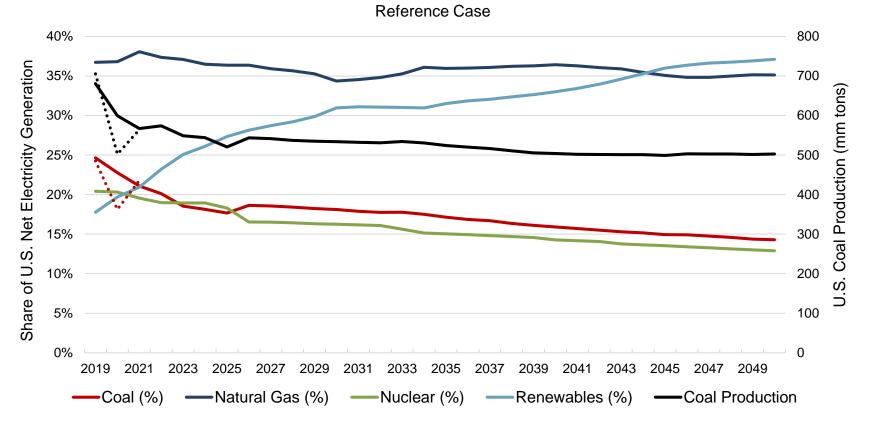


### The Global Mining Sector (2017)

Coal is by far the most valuable mined commodity in the world, with an annual value more than 4x greater than the next largest commodity (iron ore). As an industry, we need to invest in new talent and new technology.

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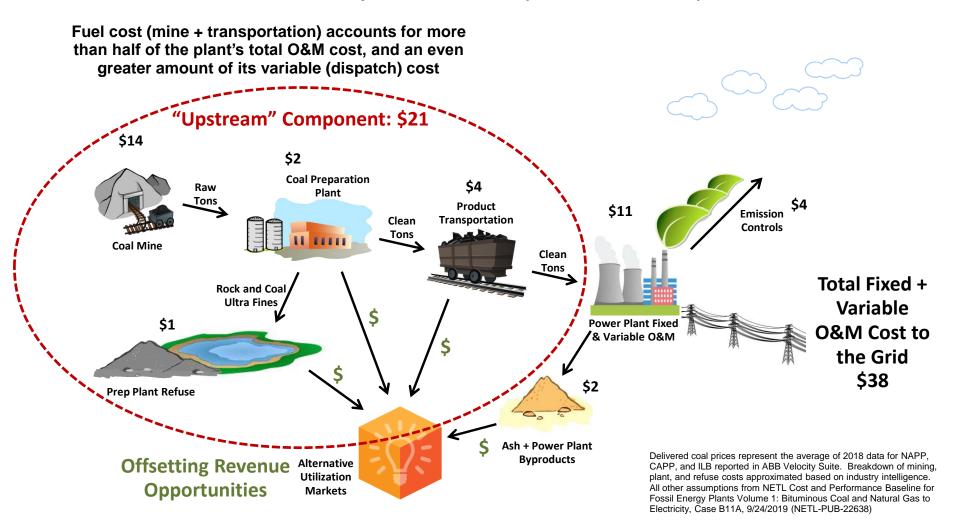


\* Dotted lines represent updated projections from EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook, August 2020

Coal is projected to remain an important part of the U.S. energy mix in the future, though the industry must reinvent itself to overcome the demand gap being created by natural gas and renewables.

# Coal R&D Requires a Holistic Approach

Illustrative Example – Eastern U.S. (All Costs in \$/MWh)

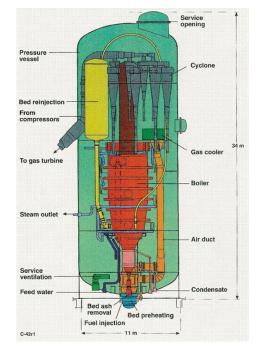


Keeping coal competitive requires unlocking value across the entire supply chain, and creating new value-adding end use applications for coal.





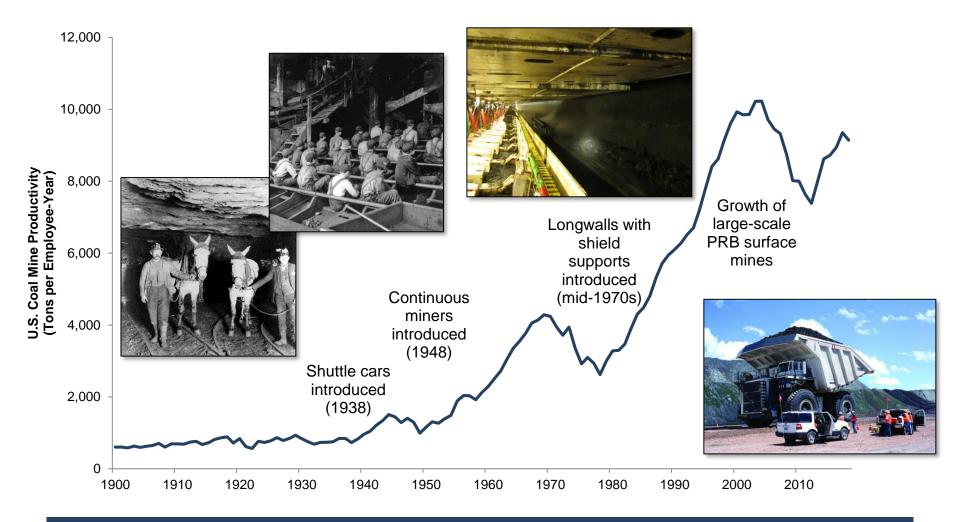
- Mining Automation and Efficiency Projects
- OMNIS Fine Coal Recovery Project
- Advanced Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustion with Carbon Capture (DOE Coal FIRST Project)
- Coal-to-Products Projects
  - CFOAM
  - Coal Plastic Composites





Technological Advances Have Played a Huge Role in the Evolution of the Coal Industry ...

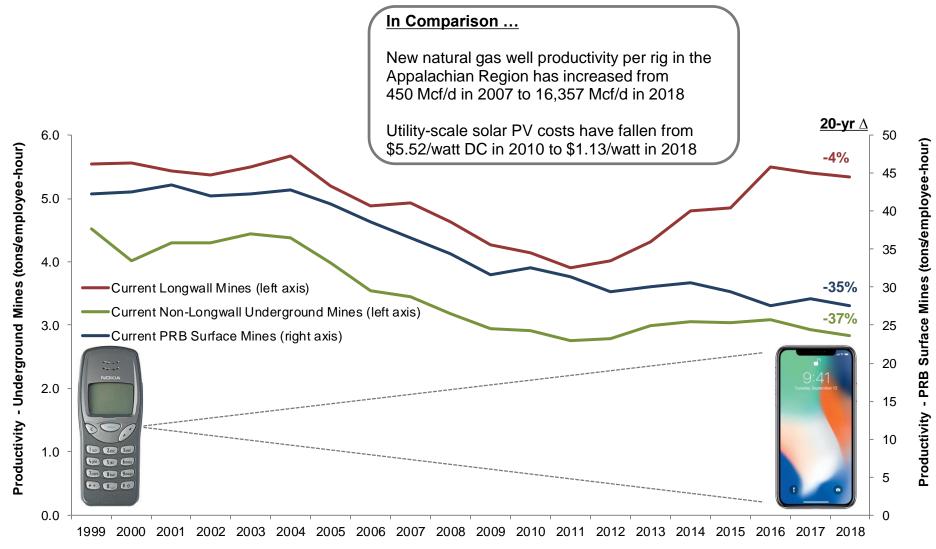




### In 1900, the U.S. produced 270 million tons with 449,000 employees (601 tons/employee-year) In 2018, the U.S. produced 756 million tons with 83,000 employees (9,144 tons/employee-year) Coal mining fatalities per year decreased from 1,489 in 1900 to 12 in 2018

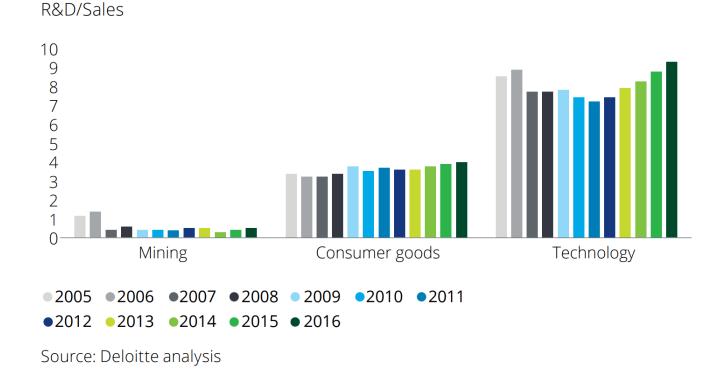
## ... But Recent Years have been Relatively Stagnant





Coal industry needs to keep pace with rapidly evolving new technology development/implementation.

# Figure 2: Mining consistently underspends in innovation relative to other sectors



"... innovation in the mining industry is coming at too sluggish a pace, and the rising costs of extraction and transportation need to be addressed with new ideas." *Mark Cutifani, CEO, Anglo American* 

# **Opportunities for Automation in Underground Coal Mining**

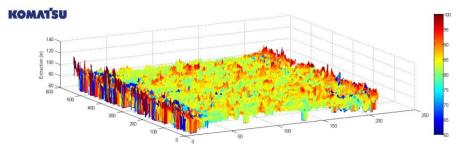


- Longwall technology is current state-of-the-art in underground mining
- 38 longwalls contributed 61% of U.S. underground coal production (169 million tons) in 2018, with a productivity more than 85% better than other underground mines<sup>(1)</sup>
- OEMs largely focused on developing automation for key LW components
  - Advanced shearer automation maintains face alignment and allows the longwall operator to program automated cutting profiles, including gate turnarounds
  - Remote operations center can be used to run the shearer from a remote location (underground or surface)
  - Longwall automation technology options also offered for roof supports, drives, etc.

### Advantages

- Improved cut cycle efficiency (potential for 10%+ productivity improvement)<sup>(2)</sup>
- Less out-of-seam dilution (~\$0.10/clean ton reduction in cost for every 1" less roof rock mined)<sup>(3)</sup>
- Reduced equipment wear and maintenance downtime
- Less employee exposure (dust, noise)
- Horizon detection/control remains an area of need
- Integration and employee acceptance are also challenges



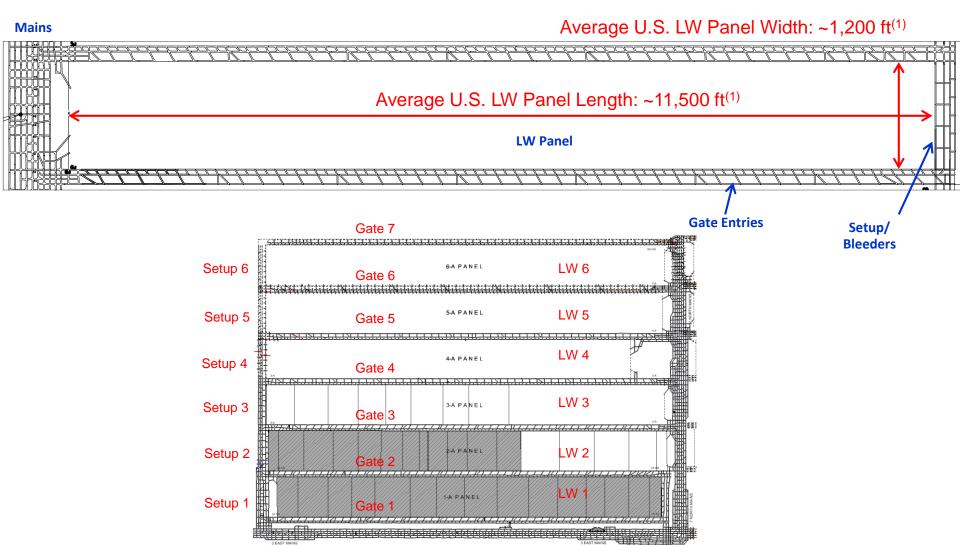


### Substantial progress has been made in automating the longwall itself ...

14 Sources: (1) ABB Velocity Suite, MSHA, Coal Age 2018 U.S. Longwall Census; (2) "Automation Raises Productivity," Komatsu Mining Corp., November 10, 2016; (3) CONSOL estimate. Images used with permission from Komatsu Mining Corp.



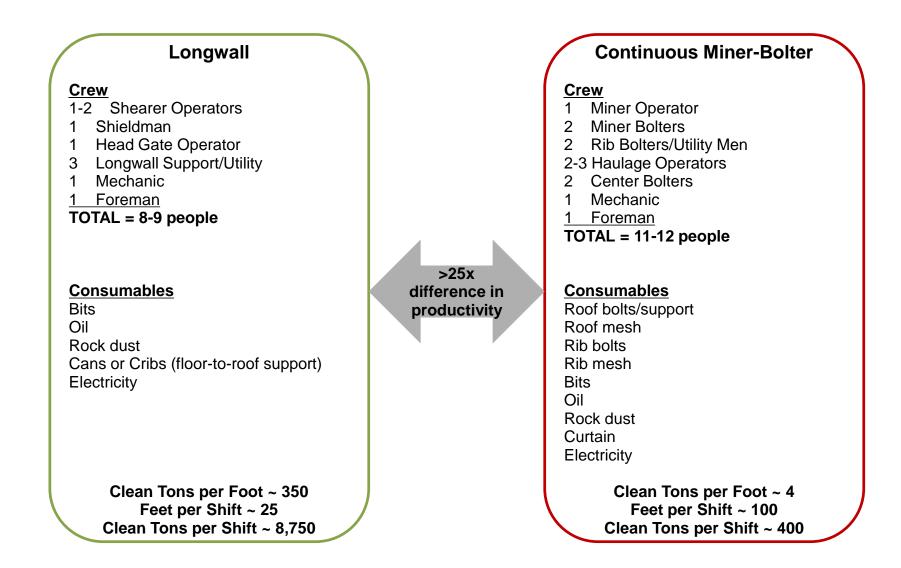
# ... But the More Pressing Area of Need Today (even for LW Mining) is the Continuous Miner



In general, each <u>1 foot</u> of longwall advance requires <u>6+ feet</u> of continuous miner (CM) advance, depending on mine plan geometry, number of entries, mains configuration, etc.

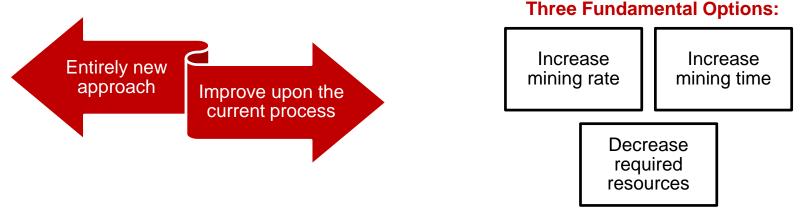
What Does it Take to Mine a Foot? (Illustrative Example)





As a general rule, the continuous miner mines at a loss to enable the longwall (and the mine) to mine at a profit.

# What Can Be Done to Improve CM Productivity/Cost Performance?



## Example: Increase Mining Time<sup>(1)</sup>

#### Non-Routine Delays Physical Mining CMs are capable of cutting ~1 ft/minute (e.g., mechanical) (100 ft @ 1 min/ft) 220 min 100 min There are 480 minutes in an 8-hour shift 46% 21% In theory, a CM machine can mine ~480 ft/shift In practice, CM advance rates are much less than this **Routine Mining-Related** Delavs 30 min pre-op checks Why? 30 min rock dust (3x/shift) 20 min move (1h/3 shifts) 80 min bolt/haul bottleneck 160 min 33%

Illustrative CM Shift

While transformational approaches should be considered, there are great opportunities to apply technology to improve upon the traditional CM mining process.

# CM Technology Development: Where Do We Go Next?

## **Opportunities**

- Fully or partially automate:
  - Mining
  - Roof/rib bolting and meshing
  - Hauling
  - Rock dusting
- Advanced equipment monitoring and predictive analytics for preventative maintenance to reduce delays
- Intercommunication among equipment to reduce bottlenecks

## **Challenges**

- Coal seam detection / horizon control
- GPS ineffective underground
- Adjusting for adverse conditions
- Harsh operating environment (e.g., roof falls, methane)
- Constraints on space/maneuverability/wireless connectivity
- Stringent mining rules slow new technology introduction
- Workforce acceptance/cultural change

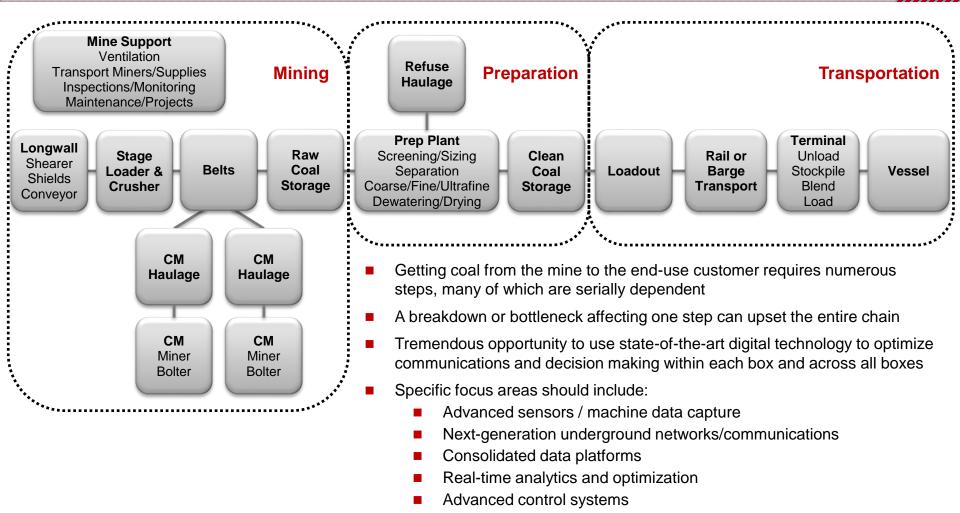




Advances in CM technology would also benefit non-longwall underground mines, including many metallurgical coal mines.



# **Opportunities for Big Data and Advanced Computing**



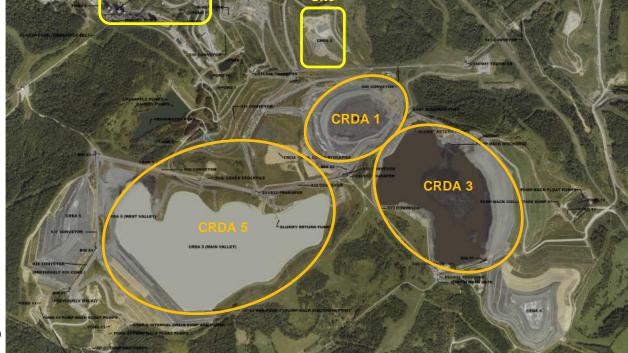
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- Predictive maintenance / RAM analysis

Development and adoption of intelligent processes enabled by digital technology is critical for the sustainability of the coal mining industry.

## Pennsylvania Mining Complex Aerial Photo

The Bailey Central Preparation Plant produces ~400 tons/hour (dry basis) of fine waste coal in the form of a slurry stream containing ~20-30% (w/w) solids

This fine waste coal stream (thickener underflow) is sent for disposal in slurry impoundments



OMNIS Refinery

# OMNIS Refinery at the Pennsylvania Mining Complex

The opportunity:

- Recover solids from the thickener underflow stream and/or waste coal slurry impoundments
- Refine to produce a Clean Solid Energy (CSE) product that can be used as fuel or as a feedstock for other higher-value applications
- Improve overall product yield from the mining operation by >5%
- Generate a mineral matter byproduct for use in agricultural applications or disposal as coarse refuse
- Reduce or eliminate the need for future fine coal refuse impoundments

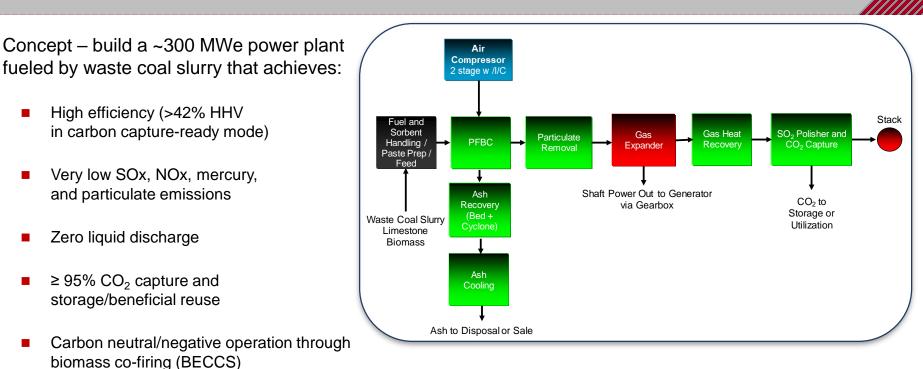
Forward progress:







# Advanced Supercritical PFBC with Carbon Capture

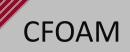


- Advanced application of commercially-proven technology
- Demonstrated at pilot scale (1 MWt) with waste coal slurry fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> capture at CONSOL's R&D facility in 2009-2010
- Completed conceptual design and pre-FEED studies as part of the U.S. Department of Energy's Coal FIRST program
- Evaluating potential plant sites at/near CONSOL's Pennsylvania Mining Complex

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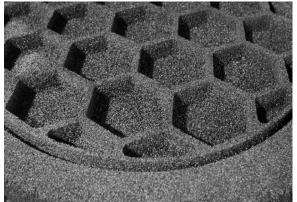


- Commercially-relevant scale
  - Tons
  - Revenue
- Capitalizes on the unique physical and chemical characteristics of coal
- Technical performance as good or better than the alternative feedstock/product
- Economics as good or better than the alternative feedstock/product
- Synergistic with existing operations/logistics infrastructure
- Has an attractive environmental profile (including low greenhouse gas emissions) throughout the lifecycle



- Manufacturer of high-performance carbon foam products from coal
- CONSOL acquired 25% equity interest in CFOAM Corp. in December 2019
- Manufacturing facility located in Triadelphia, WV
- Current primary market is composite tooling for the aerospace sector
- Well-suited for wide range of energy absorbing, structural, and defense applications
- Opportunities for R&D to reduce cost, refine material properties, and expand into higher-volume market opportunities
- Estimated potential total addressable market >\$15 billion/year





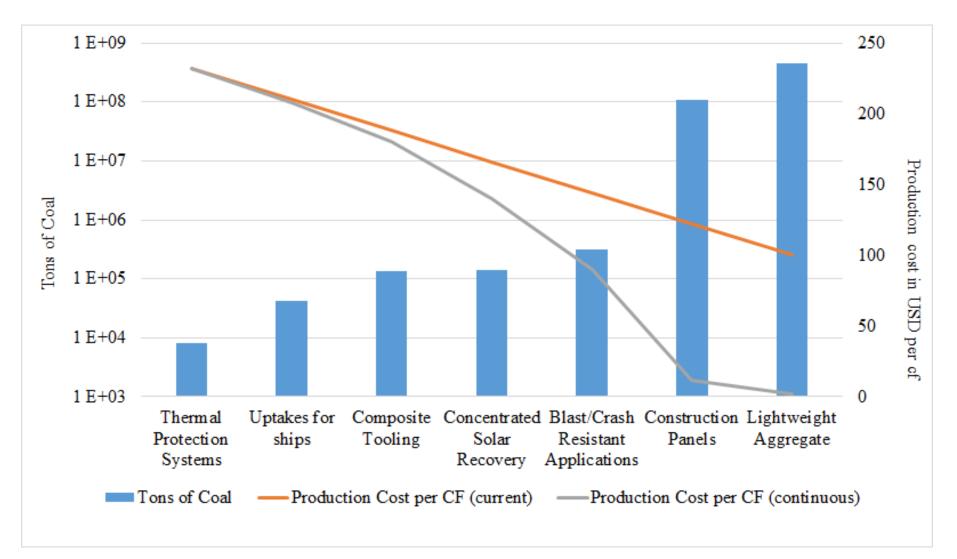






## CFOAM – The Opportunity





# Coal Plastic Composites (CPCs)

- Technology invented at Ohio University
- U.S. DOE funding a team including Ohio University, CONSOL, Engineered Profiles, PNNL, and Clear Skies Consulting to further develop and scale up the technology
- CPCs show promise as engineered composite material for decking and other construction applications
  - Equivalent or greater strength with higher filler content than wood plastic composites (WPCs)
  - Excellent oxidation resistance and predicted service life
  - Superior flammability properties and moisture resistance
- Initial techno-economic studies predict lower manufacturing costs vs. WPCs
- Lifecycle analysis suggests CPCs are less energy/emissions intensive than WPCs
- Extrusion process currently being developed for commercial-scale equipment





Coal-to-products technologies such as CFOAM and CPCs provide an intriguing new opportunity to utilize our vast coal resource base, with significantly lower emissions and greater value uplift potential than conventional uses of coal.







Engage in focused dialogue with key industry stakeholders (e.g., producers, transportation providers, end users, OEMs, technology developers) to prioritize areas of greatest need / potential impact



Obtain input from other industries that have succeeded in implementing analogous technology solutions



Work with DOE and other agencies to define needs and explore funding opportunities, and work with MSHA to streamline the approval process for new underground technologies

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Incorporate both upstream and downstream goals (including mining productivity/cost improvement goals and coal-to-products goals) into roadmapping for the future of coal

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Fund research targeting high-priority mining, beneficiation, and utilization technologies to engage academia, attract students across a variety of disciplines, and bring renewed interest to the coal space

Innovate to create value and sustainability along all aspects of the coal value chain - from the mine to the stack - and develop new end-uses for coal