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PENN VIRGINIA CORPORATION ACQUIRES COAL PROPERTY FOR \$33 MILLION

RADNOR, PA, JUNE 5, 2001 -- Penn Virginia Corporation (NYSE:PVA) today announced that the Company has acquired fee and mineral rights to 107 million tons of coal reserves, of which approximately 50% is proven, for \$33 million. The property is known as Fork Creek and is located in Boone, Kanawha and Lincoln Counties, West Virginia. The acquisition will be funded from working capital and long term debt.

The Fork Creek coal has a heat content of approximately 12,500 BTUs per pound and is predominantly low in sulfur, qualifying much of the coal as compliance or near-compliance in quality. Coal production from the property is currently at an annualized rate of approximately 1.65 million tons. Located on the property is a newly constructed, state of the art preparation plant owned by the operator to which the reserves have been leased. The plant has production capacity of 900 tons per hour and is equipped with a high-speed unit train loadout facility. The operator has development projects underway which are expected to increase production to an annualized rate of over 3 million tons by the end of 2001. Current production is sold under long-term contracts and shipped to market on the CSX railroad.

Mr. A. James Dearlove, President and Chief Executive Officer of Penn Virginia, stated, "The Fork Creek acquisition represents another important step in Penn Virginia's long term program to expand its coal royalty and land management business. The new property, which is located contiguous to the Company's Coal River properties, is expected, by the end of 2002, to increase royalties by almost 15%."

"The coal royalty and land management business, which accounted for about half of the Company's operating income in 2000, gives Penn Virginia a unique exposure to the coal industry," Mr. Dearlove continued. "As a royalty owner, we benefit from the growth in both the volume and price of coal production from our properties yet we do not incur the risks associated with operating mines. Our business generates high profit margins, relatively stable and predictable earnings and requires very little reinvestment."

Penn Virginia Corporation is an energy company engaged primarily in the exploration, development and production of oil and gas, leasing of mineral rights and collection of royalties. Penn Virginia is headquartered in Radnor, PA.

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This release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws with respect to development activities, capital expenditures, acquisitions and dispositions, drilling and exploration programs, expected commencement dates of coal mining or oil and gas production, projected quantities of future oil and gas production by Penn Virginia, projected quantities of future coal production by the Company's lessees producing coal from reserves leased from Penn Virginia, costs and expenditures, as well as projected demand or supply for coal and oil and gas, which will affect sales levels, prices and royalties realized by Penn Virginia. Certain factors discussed herein and in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission could cause actual results to differ from those in these forward-looking statements, and reference is made to such filings.