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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hardesty Phillip Michael

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol International Coal Group, Inc. [ICO] 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Last)

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2005

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner

C/O INTERNATIONAL COAL

(Middle)

Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Senior VP, Sales & Marketing

GROUP, INC., 2000 ASHLAND DR.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

ASHLAND, KY 41101

(State) (Zip) (City) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

3. 4. Securities (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

or

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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7. Nature of

Ownership (Instr. 4)

Indirect

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactiorDerivative

5. Number of

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities**

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8	3) 1	Securities Acquired (A or Disposed (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	d of	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 11	12/12/2005		P		40,000		<u>(1)</u>	04/25/2015	Common Stock	40,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Hardesty Phillip Michael C/O INTERNATIONAL COAL GROUP, INC. 2000 ASHLAND DR. ASHLAND, KY 41101			Senior VP, Sales & Marketing				

Signatures

/s/ Roger L.
Nicholson

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Represents restricted stock options for 40,000 shares of common stock, 10,000 of which are vested with the remaining shares vesting in equal installments of 10,000 on April 25, 2006, 2007 and 2008.

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