



**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
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Pursuant to the provisions of KRS 14A and KRS 271B, 273, 274,275, 362 and 386 the undersigned hereby applies for authority to transact business in Kentucky on behalf of the entity named below and, for that purpose, submits the following statements:

1. The entity is a : profit corporation (KRS 271B), nonprofit corporation (KRS 273), professional service corporation (KRS 274),
 business trust (KRS 386), limited liability company (KRS 275), professional limited liability company (KRS 275).
 limited partnership (KRS 362).

2. The name of the entity is Armstrong Energy, Inc.
(The name must be identical to the name on record with the Secretary of State.)

3. The name of the entity to be used in Kentucky is (if applicable): _____
(Only provide if "real name" is unavailable for use; otherwise, leave blank.)

4. The state or country under whose law the entity is organized is Delaware

5. The date of organization is September 19, 2006 and the period of duration is perpetual
(If left blank, the period of duration is considered perpetual.)

6. The mailing address of the entity's principal office is
7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1625 St. Louis MO 63105
Street Address City State Zip Code

7. The street address of the entity's registered office in Kentucky is
300 East Main Street, Suite 360 Lexington KY 40507
Street Address (No P.O. Box Numbers) City State Zip Code

and the name of the registered agent at that office is Mason L. Miller

8. The names and business addresses of the entity's representatives (secretary, officers and directors, managers, trustees or general partners):

<u>Martin D. Wilson</u>	<u>7733 Forsyth Blvd. Ste. 1625</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>63105</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Street or P.O. Box</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
<u>Kenneth E. Allen</u>	<u>7733 Forsyth Blvd. Ste. 1625</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>63105</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Street or P.O. Box</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
<u>J. Richard Gist</u>	<u>7733 Forsyth Blvd. Ste. 1625</u>	<u>St. Louis</u>	<u>MO</u>	<u>63105</u>
<small>Name</small>	<small>Street or P.O. Box</small>	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>

9. If a professional service corporation, all the individual shareholders, not less than one half (1/2) of the directors, and all of the officers other than the secretary and treasurer are licensed in one or more states or territories of the United States or District of Columbia to render a professional service described in the statement of purposes of the corporation.

10. I certify that, as of the date of filing this application, the above-named entity validly exists under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation.

11. If a limited partnership, it elects to be a limited liability limited partnership. Check the box if applicable:

12. This application will be effective upon filing, unless a delayed effective date and/or time is provided. The effective date or the delayed effective date cannot be prior to the date the application is filed. The date and/or time is _____
(Delayed effective date and/or time)

J. Richard Gist Secretary 07/16/2014
Signature of Authorized Representative Printed Name & Title Date

I, Mason L. Miller, consent to serve as the registered agent on behalf of the business entity.
Type/Print Name of Registered Agent

Mason L. Miller Registered Agent 07/16/2014
Signature of Registered Agent Printed Name Title Date
 (01/12)