



## **CLINE MINING - \$1.8 MILLION LODGEPOLE PROGRAM**

**Vancouver, January 5, 2005**—Cline Mining Corporation (CMK-TSXV) announces that it is now proceeding with the planned exploration and development work program on its Lodgepole metallurgical coalmine project located in the Crows Nest Coalfield of Southeastern British Columbia, Canada.

The approved program, which will be carried out at a cost of \$1.8 million, provides for 51 diamond drill-holes, 600 meters of adits into coal, and 6.8 kilometers of road construction on the property. The program is designed to confirm and provide information for the preparation of feasibility and environmental assessment studies before a production decision.

The drilling program aims to increase resource assurance of the geological model which has recently been completed for the Company by GR Tech of Calgary, Alberta. The adit program will obtain bulk samples from the two lower coal zones, which attain a total thickness of 21 meters on the property. The bulk samples will be processed in a pilot plant to affirm and assess the coal qualities in the seams and the best methods of processing the Lodgepole PCI and Hard Coking Coal products. Samples from the adits will be shipped to international steel mills for their assessment and determination of qualities in relation to marketing and pricing the two metallurgical coal products.

Lodgepole is located in the Crows Nest Coalfield some 42 kilometers by road from the CP Rail mainline at Morrissey in British Columbia and 33 kilometers by road from the rail load out of the Coal Mountain Mine of the Elk Valley Coal Partnership. Extensive exploration work on the Lodgepole property completed between 1975 and 1997 has yielded an extensive database, which includes results from 36 drill holes totaling 5,327 meters, 875 meters of surface trenching, four adits (bulk samples) and detailed geographic mapping. This historical work by Shell Canada and Fording Coal identified nine coal zones containing an aggregate thickness of 32.7 meters of coal seams. Cline has commissioned and is now completing a National Instrument 43-101 Report on the Lodgepole coal resources in order to classify and standardize the present known resource in accordance with the current requisite regulatory reporting standards

Cline is targeting one to two million tonnes of annual production from the 80 million tonnes of in place raw coal resources amenable to open pit mining methods reported by Shell Canada and Fording Coal in their earlier exploration work on Lodgepole. The Lodgepole mining area is approximately 1.8 kilometers by 1.4 kilometers in size with the coal measures lying in a dip slope structure in which coal measures and the overburden both lie at an average of some 25 degrees down slope; a situation considered favourable for extended low strip ratio mining.

Cline Mining Corporation is a coal mine development company focused on the exploration and development of metallurgical coal in Canada for the international seaborne coal trade market. The Company website is at [www.clinemining.com](http://www.clinemining.com) . Shares of the company trade on the TSX-Venture Exchange under the symbol CMK.

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Exploration results and coal resources referred to from the Lodgepole property are historical in nature, and were compiled before National Instrument 43-101. Cline has not independently analyzed the results of the previous exploration therefore historical results should not be relied upon. Cline Mining believes these historical results provide an indication of the potential of the property and are relevant to ongoing exploration.

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