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ANNOUNCES RICHARD B. ERICKSON JOINS THE COMPANY AS TECHNICAL SALES MANAGER

Hoffman Estates, IL (December 15, 2009) CETCO announces that Richard B. Erickson has been appointed the position of Technical Sales Manager for CETCO – Lining Technologies Group. Richard is located in California and will be responsible for the West Coast regional sales, reporting to Timothy J. Rafter, National Sales Manager. Effective January, 4th 2010 Richard can be reached at richard.erickson@cetco.com.

Richard comes to CETCO from Vector Engineering, Inc. in Grass Valley, CA where he was a Senior Project Manager. With more than 20 years of engineering, construction, and sales experience in the waste containment and mining industries, Richard is well suited for his new role at CETCO. He holds a M.S. in Civil Engineering and has spoken at conferences and technical seminars in more than 30 countries. Richard has published 15 technical papers related to waste containment in seven countries and is an active member in professional affiliations including ASCE, SME, ASTM, and NAGS.

CETCO, the environmental segment of AMCOL is a diversified global company providing innovative products and practical solutions to challenging regulatory and construction problems. This segment delivers a complete range of services built around engineering support, technical assistance, and leadership in research and development. With the strength of these services, the environmental segment is well-positioned to provide responsive solutions, on a global scale, to today's worldwide environmental compliance issues.

AMCOL produces and markets specialty mineral products used for industrial, environmental and consumer related applications. The company operates in three industry segments—minerals, environmental, and transportation. AMCOL common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ACO". The company's web site is www.amcol.com.