

UBB MINERS MEMORIAL RECEIVES FIRST MAJOR CORPORATE GIFT

Martin Engineering Pledges \$25,000 to the Memorial Project

On Tuesday May 10th, the Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group received the first major contribution to the Upper Big Branch Miners Memorial from Martin Engineering. After contacting Sheila Combs President of the Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group and researching the proposal for the memorial the company's Board decided to contribute \$25,000. "We are very pleased to hear that Martin Engineering is the first to offer support for this worthwhile project", said Edwin H. Petersen chairman of the board for Martin Engineering.

The company's decision to contribute to the memorial is an important milestone for the Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group. It represents not only a commitment to the project but to the families of the victims of the disaster, the community and the state. This generous contribution from a company with Martin Engineering's stature in the industry lends the Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group's efforts greater credibility as it moves forward towards the completion of the fund raising phase of the project. "Martin Engineering has shown their support for the memorial and the commitment to the coal industry and especially to those whose livelihoods depend on coal", said UBBMMG President Sheila Combs.

Martin Engineering was founded in 1944 and is headquartered in Neponset, IL. Martin Engineering is the leading global supplier of systems to make the handling of bulk materials cleaner, safer and more productive. MARTIN products are personalized to meet each customer's unique requirements and designed for tough industrial conditions. They are built to allow easy maintenance and are engineered for simplicity, cleanliness, safety and efficiency.

The Upper Big Branch Mining Memorial Group, INC is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) established in February of 2011 to raise funds to construct a memorial plaza located in Whitesville, WV. The memorial will commemorate the events that occurred at UBB, pay homage to all fallen coal miners and recognize the importance of coal to the Mountain State. For more information please email Sheila Combs at ubbminersmemorial@gmail.com .