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New Future for the Carbondale Grand Hotel

Hawley, PA (December 8th, 2017) — Mr. Rob Grimm, of Grimm Construction, is pleased to announce that an investment group including Justin Genzlinger, CEO of Settlers Hospitality Group, has acquired the Carbondale Grand Hotel in Carbondale, PA effective November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Mr. Grimm states, "This is a fine opportunity for our long standing family business to invest in the neighboring community and the future of Carbondale where we live and work."

Grimm & Genzlinger, both family business owners in NEPA, engaged Settlers Hospitality of Hawley, PA to manage the property including the hotel, restaurant and catering operations. This team brings an expertise in the boutique sector of hotel management that will help to continue the economic development and revitalization of downtown Carbondale.

May 2018 is the targeted date to complete the relaunch of the hotel under the new name Hotel Anthracite. The concept for the rebranded hotel will be a focus on the area's coal mining and cultural heritage. "Our goal is to highlight the rich history of the city, creatively using that idea to display signature pieces in the hotel", says Grant Genzlinger who will partner with local historians to assemble a collection of historic photography and artifacts to display throughout the property. Jeanne Genzlinger will incorporate this idea within the interior design concept to define the boutique ambience of the hotel. In addition to the 61 guest rooms, the hotel offers an outdoor courtyard, fitness center, 500 seat event center and rooftop deck which is popular for its music concert series.

Executive Chef, Ben Sutter, shared his concept for the new restaurant, Kōl Steakhouse. "I began my career at the Palm Steakhouse in Los Angeles, CA, so I'm eager to bring my past experience to update this idea in Carbondale." The restaurant will have a range of price points from pub fare to prime cuts. Settlers Hospitality Executive Pastry Chef Julia Kent will create a specific line of breads and desserts from the Mill Market Bakery in Hawley for the new facility.

"I'm thrilled to bring our hospitality group to Hotel Anthracite catering to local corporations, leisure travelers and community stakeholders," says Justin Genzlinger, and "our executive team of Chris Simpler, General Manager and Ralph Del Prete, Food and Beverage Director will bring a high level of energy and experience to this project."

The hotel, restaurant and banquet center will remain open during the transition process. View <u>SettlersHospitality.com</u> to learn more about their properties including Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel and Silver Birches Resort.

## About Settlers Hospitality

Settlers Hospitality is a family run hospitality group in Hawley, PA consisting of The Settlers Inn, Ledges Hotel, Silver Birches Resort, The Dock on Wallenpaupack, Glass-wine.bar.kitchen, Cocoon Coffeehouse, Lake Region Fitness, The Mill Market Bakery, & Art on the Edge.