

Ron Damron

Ron joined Drummond Company, Inc. in 2000 as Manager of Project Engineering and was responsible for engineering development of new mining and business ventures related to mining and energy projects. During this time he was managing the exploration and development of the El Descanso and Guaimaral reserves in Colombia, South America and developing new surface mining projects in Alabama. Starting in 2003, Ron became Manager of Engineering at Drummond Ltd.'s Colombian operations. He later would serve as Vice President of Engineering and Vice President of Mining Operations. In 2016, Ron was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of Drummond International, LLC.

Ron is responsible for the mining, railroad, and port operations in Colombia including approximately 10,000 employees and direct contractors. During Ron's tenure, the Colombian mines have become the leading producer and seller of thermal coal in Colombia.

Ron is a Professional Engineer with over 37 years of experience in coal mining and transportation. He has been involved in and responsible for exploration and development, engineering designs, mine planning, feasibility studies, permitting, preparation plant, reclamation, operating cost analysis and budgeting for mines in Wyoming, Indiana, West Virginia, and Utah.

Prior to his employment at Drummond, Ron worked with Pittson Coal Management Company. He has a B.S. in Mine Engineering from the University of Utah. Ron has been trained in Investment Decision Methods at the Colorado School of Mines and coal preparation at Penn State University. He also completed the Executive Program at Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia.

Ron and his wife Julie have three married children, two sons and a daughter, and three grandchildren.