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Westmoreland Schedules Investor Conference Call for March 12, 2010

Colorado Springs, CO – March 8, 2010 -- Westmoreland Coal Company (NYSE AMEX) reported that it has scheduled an investor conference call for March 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time. Remarks by Keith E. Alessi, President and Chief Executive Officer, will be followed by a question and answer period. You can participate in the conference call by phone or via the Internet; however, questions will be taken only by phone.

When: March 12, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time

How: By Internet: Log onto the Investor Relations/Investor Calls page of the Company's web site at: www.westmoreland.com at least 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of the call to download and install any necessary audio software.

By Phone: Dial toll free (877) 407-8033 five to ten minutes before the scheduled start of the conference call. International calls dial (201) 689-8033.

Replay: A telephone replay will be available until March 26, 2010 at 11:59 p.m. Replay toll free number: 1-877-660-6853. International replay number: 1-201-612-7415. Replay pass codes (needed for playback): Conference ID #: 346714, Account #: 286.

An on-demand replay of the conference call will be available on the Company's web site beginning shortly after the call.

Westmoreland Coal Company is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. The Company's coal operations include coal mining in the Powder River Basin in Montana and lignite mining operations in Montana, North Dakota and Texas. Its power operations include ownership of the two-unit ROVA coal-fired power plant in North Carolina. For more information visit www.westmoreland.com.

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