



NEWS RELEASE

Westmoreland Schedules Investor Conference Call for March 1, 2012

Englewood, CO – February 21, 2012 – Westmoreland Coal Company (NasdaqGM:WLB) today announced that it will release its 2011 fourth quarter and year-end results before the market opens on Thursday, March 1, 2012, and host a conference call shortly thereafter at 10:00 a.m. EST to discuss the results. Keith E. Alessi, President and Chief Executive Officer will conduct the call.

When: March 1, 2012 at 10:00 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 15, 2012 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 #: 389207, Account #: 286.

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

Forward-Looking Information

This press release contains "forward-looking" statements. Forward-looking statements reflect current expectations and projections about future events, and thus involve uncertainty and risk. It is possible that future events may differ from expectations due to a variety of risks and other factors such as market conditions. It is not possible to foresee or identify all such factors. Any forward-looking statements in this press release are based on certain assumptions and analyses made in light of Westmoreland's experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, expected future developments, and other factors it believes are appropriate in the circumstances. Forward-looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance and actual results or developments may differ materially from expectations. Westmoreland does not intend to update any particular forward-looking statements contained in this press release.

About Westmoreland Coal Company

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, sub-bituminous mining in Wyoming, 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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