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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Savage Mine Reaches New Four-Year Labor Agreement**

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**Englewood, CO** – March 21, 2012 – Westmoreland Coal Company (NasdaqGM:WLB) today announced that a new collective bargaining agreement has been reached with the represented employees at Westmoreland Savage Corporation’s Savage Mine in Sydney, Montana. The new agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 400 is effective April 1, 2012, and will expire March 31, 2016.

“Westmoreland is pleased that we were able to promptly negotiate and ratify a new collective bargaining agreement for our Savage Mine,” commented Joseph E. Micheletti, Senior Vice President, Coal Operations. “The employees of Savage exemplify our core values of safety, operational excellence, integrity and company pride. Their jobs and the Savage Mine are important to Westmoreland.”

### **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](http://www.westmoreland.com).

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