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NEWS RELEASE

Westmoreland Announces Acquisition of Significant Coal Reserve

Englewood, CO – July 3, 2012 – Westmoreland Coal Company (NasdaqGM:WLB) today announced that it has leased 2,557.4 acres of private coal, representing an estimated 56.4 million tons of coal resources adjacent to its Rosebud Mine in Colstrip, Montana. Westmoreland controls an estimated 486 million tons of proven and probable coal reserves across all of its operations as of June 30, 2012.

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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