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NEWS RELEASE

Westmoreland's Jewett Mine Wins Trio of Environmental Awards

Englewood, CO – May 30, 2013 - Westmoreland Coal Company (NasdaqGM:WLB) today announced that its Jewett Mine in Jewett, Texas has been recognized by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Railroad Commission of Texas - Surface Mining and Reclamation Division and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for its dedication to environmental excellence.

First, Westmoreland accepted one of five statewide awards from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for best conservation practices and awareness of maintaining and enhancing ecosystems. The award recognized the work performed by Westmoreland and its consultants in developing revisions to the agency's Quail and Grassland Bird Land Use reclamation guidelines and for being a leader in the mining industry in developing improved reclamation practices for upland game birds. Second, the Railroad Commission of Texas – Surface Mining and Reclamation Division awarded its 2013 Reclamation Award to Westmoreland for its Advanced Reforestation Practices citing Westmoreland's ability to establish more natural-looking woody species habitats. Lastly, Westmoreland was awarded the Texas Environmental Excellence Award in the Innovative Operations/Management category by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for its thorough land restoration process.

“We are very proud of our Texas operation for being a leader in reclamation and in fostering sustainable practices in the mining industry,” said Robert P. King, Chief Executive Officer. “It is particularly impressive that the Jewett Mine was awarded a state-level award for environmental excellence when it was competing against all industries and businesses in the state, not just other mining companies.”

About Westmoreland Coal Company

Westmoreland Coal Company is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. The Company's coal operations include sub-bituminous coal mining in the Powder River Basin in Montana and 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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