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NEWS RELEASE

Westmoreland Announces Partnership with Trafigura For Marketing of Export Coal from Coal Valley Mine

Englewood, Colorado – December 9, 2014 – Westmoreland Coal Company (NasdaqGM:WLB, “Westmoreland”) announced today that it has entered into a Coal Services Agreement with Trafigura AG under which Trafigura will exclusively market certain tons of export thermal coal from Westmoreland’s Coal Valley Mine in Alberta, Canada.

Keith E. Alessi, Westmoreland’s CEO said, “We have partnered with Trafigura, an internationally known and respected trading organization, to represent us as we service existing and new export markets with thermal coal from our Coal Valley Mine. By leveraging Trafigura’s marketing expertise, we can focus on what we do best, efficiently mining thermal coal.”

Simon Collins, Trafigura’s Head of Metals and Minerals Trading, said, “Bringing together the deep resources and coal mining expertise of Westmoreland Coal Company and the global trading and marketing skills of Trafigura creates a winning combination. It will also further enhance Trafigura’s ability to supply its growing number of coal clients around the world and continue the growth that has placed the company among the top three global coal traders.”

About Westmoreland Coal Company

Westmoreland Coal Company is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. Westmoreland’s coal operations include sub-bituminous and lignite coal mining in the Western United States and Canada, a char production facility, and a 50% interest in an activated carbon plant. Its power operations include ownership of the two-unit ROV’ coal-fired power plant in North Carolina. For more information, visit www.westmoreland.com.

About Trafigura AG

Founded in 1993, the Trafigura Group has become one of the world’s leading independent commodity traders, specializing in the oil, minerals and metals markets. Primary trading activities are the supply and transport of oil and petroleum products and metals and minerals. The trading business is supported by industrial and financial assets including global oil products distribution company Puma Energy; joint venture company DT Group; global terminals operator Impala; Trafigura’s Mining Group and Galena Asset Management. The Trafigura Group is owned by 600 of its 5,600 employees who work in 36 countries around the world. The Group has been connecting its customers to the global economy for more than two decades, growing prosperity by advancing trade. For more information, visit www.trafigura.com.

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