UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

In re: ARMSTRONG ENERGY, INC., et al.,		Case No. 17-47541-659 CHAPTER 11
THE THE THE ENDING I, INC., et un.,)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)	

NOTICE OF (I) ENTRY OF CONFIRMATION ORDER, (II) OCCURRENCE OF EFFECTIVE DATE, AND (III) RELATED BAR DATES

TO CREDITORS, EQUITY INTEREST HOLDERS, AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 2, 2018, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "Court") confirmed the *Debtors' Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan*, dated January 24, 2018, which was attached as **Exhibit A** to the *Order Confirming Debtors' Third Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan* [Docket No. 527] (the "Confirmation Order").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Effective Date, as defined in the Plan, occurred on **February 20, 2018**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the release, exculpation, and injunction provisions of the Plan are now in full force and effect.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to Article V.B of the Plan, unless otherwise provided by a Final Order of the Court, any Proofs of Claim based on the rejection of the Debtors' Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases pursuant to the Plan or otherwise must be Filed with the Court and served on the Plan Administrator no later than the earlier of:
(a) March 22, 2018 (or 30 days after the Effective Date); and (b) 30 days after the effective date of the rejection of such Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease. Any Holders of Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease for which Proofs of Claims were not timely Filed shall not (1) be treated as a creditor with respect to such Claim, (2) be permitted to vote to accept or reject the Plan on account of any Claim arising from such rejection, or (3) participate in any distribution in the Chapter 11 Cases on account of such Claim, and any Claims arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease not Filed with the Court within such time will be automatically Disallowed, forever barred from assertion, and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors, the Debtors' Estates, the Post-Effective Date Debtor, or the property for any of

¹ Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Plan and the Confirmation Order, as applicable.

the foregoing without the need for any objection by the Debtors or the Plan Administrator, as applicable, or further notice to, or action, order, or approval of the Court or any other Entity, and any Claim arising out of the rejection of the Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease shall be deemed fully compromised, settled, and released, notwithstanding anything in the Schedules or a Proof of Claim to the contrary.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, except as otherwise provided by the Confirmation Order, the Plan, or a Final Order of the Court, the deadline for filing requests for payment of Administrative Claims shall be <u>March 22, 2018</u> (which is the first Business Day that is 30 days after the Effective Date), except with respect to Professional Fee Claims, which are addressed below.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to the Plan, the deadline to file final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims is <u>April 23, 2018</u> (which is the first Business Day that is 60 days after the Effective Date, the "<u>Professional Fee Application Deadline</u>"). All professionals must file final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims by no later than the Professional Fee Application Deadline to receive final approval of the fees and expenses incurred in these Chapter 11 Cases.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Plan and its provisions are binding on the Debtors, the Plan Administrator, the Post-Effective Date Debtor, any Holder of a Claim or Interest and such Holder's respective successors and assigns, whether or not the Claim or Interest of such Holder is Impaired under the Plan, and whether or not such Holder or Entity voted to accept the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and any other related documents also may be obtained (a) free of charge upon request to Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. (the notice and claims agent retained in these chapter 11 cases) by calling toll free (866) 416-0556; (b) by visiting the website maintained in these chapter 11 cases at http://www.donlinrecano.com/armstrong or (c) for a fee via PACER by visiting http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov.

St. Louis, Missouri

Dated: February 20, 2018

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