

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
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ARMSTRONG ENERGY, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 17-47541-659
)	
Debtors.)	Jointly Administered
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)	Hearing Date: February 2, 2018
)	Hearing Time: 11:00 a.m. prevailing
)	Central Time
)	Hearing Location: Courtroom 7 North

**NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS TO HOLDER OF
UNIMPAIRED CLAIMS CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on December 18, 2017, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “Court”) entered an order [Docket No. 322] (the “Disclosure Statement Order”): (a) authorizing Armstrong Energy, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), to solicit acceptances for the *Debtors’ First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan* (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Plan”);² (b) approving the *First Amended Disclosure Statement for the Debtors’ First Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan* [Docket No. 312] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the “Disclosure Statement”) as containing “adequate information” pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; and (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT because of the nature and treatment of your Claim under the Plan, ***you are not entitled to vote on the Plan.*** Specifically, under the terms of the Plan, as a Holder of a Claim (as currently asserted against the Debtors) that is not Impaired and conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, you are ***not*** entitled to vote on the Plan.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, include: Armstrong Energy, Inc. (5664); Armstrong Air, LLC (2017); Armstrong Coal Company, Inc. (0349); Armstrong Coal Sales, LLC (4058); Armstrong Energy Holdings, Inc. (5664); Armstrong Logistics Services, LLC (0392); Thoroughfare Mining, LLC (7890); Western Diamond LLC (9356); Western Land Company, LLC (9821). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 7733 Forsyth Boulevard, Suite 1625, St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the same meanings as set forth in the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the hearing at which the Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan (the “Confirmation Hearing”) will commence on **February 2, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.** prevailing Central Time, before the Honorable Judge Kathy A. Surratt-States, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, located at 111 S. 10th Street, Fourth Floor, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the deadline for filing objections to the Plan is **January 19, 2018, at 4:00 p.m.**, prevailing Central Time (the “Plan Objection Deadline”). Any objection to the Plan *must*: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, and any orders of the Court; (c) state, with particularity, the basis and nature of any objection to the Plan and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service) and served upon the following parties so as to be *actually received* on or before the Plan Objection Deadline:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT if you would like to obtain a copy of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, you should contact Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., the claims and noticing agent retained by the Debtors in the chapter 11 cases (the “Claims and Noticing Agent”), by: (a) calling the Debtors’ restructuring hotline at (866) 416-0556 (toll free) or (212) 771-1128 (international); (b) visiting the Debtors’ restructuring website at: <https://www.donlinrecano.com/armstrong>; (c) writing to the Claims and Noticing Agent at Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., Re: Armstrong Energy, Inc. Ballot Processing, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219; and/or (d) emailing DRCVote@DonlinRecano.com. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in the chapter 11 cases for a fee via PACER at: <http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov>.

ARTICLE X OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE X.D. CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. PURSUANT TO THE PLAN YOU ARE DEEMED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN AND ARE DEEMED TO HAVE CONSENTED TO THE RELEASES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE X.D. THUS, YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO YOU FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS WITH RESPECT TO YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE PLAN OR ABOUT ANYTHING STATED HEREIN OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT.

[Signature page follows]

St. Louis, Missouri
Dated: December 18, 2017

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