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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
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WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 18-35672 (DRJ)
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	
)	Re: Docket No. 227

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND
EMPLOYMENT OF KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP AND KIRKLAND & ELLIS
INTERNATIONAL LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS
IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “Application”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for the entry of an order (this “Order”) authorizing the Debtors to retain and employ Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (collectively, “Kirkland”) as their attorneys effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, pursuant to sections 327(a) and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Local Rules”); and the Court having reviewed the Application, the declaration of Stephen E. Hessler, the president of Stephen E. Hessler, P.C., a partner of Kirkland & Ellis LLP,

¹ Due to the large number of debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which joint administration has been granted, a complete list of the debtors and the last four digits of their tax identification, registration, or like numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent in these chapter 11 cases at www.donlinrecano.com/westmoreland. Westmoreland Coal Company’s service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 300, Englewood, Colorado 80112.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Application.

and a partner of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (the “Hessler Declaration”), and the declaration of Jennifer S. Grafton, Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legal Officer of Westmoreland Coal Company (the “Grafton Declaration”); and the Court having found that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found based on the representations made in the Application and in the Hessler Declaration that (a) Kirkland does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors’ estates and (b) Kirkland is a “disinterested person” as defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and as required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court having found that the Debtors provided adequate and appropriate notice of the Application under the circumstances and that no other or further notice is required; and the Court having reviewed the Application and having heard statements in support of the Application at a hearing, if any, held before the Court (the “Hearing”); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing, if any, establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and any objections to the relief requested herein having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is granted to the extent set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized to retain and employ Kirkland as their attorneys *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and in the Engagement Letter attached hereto as Exhibit 1, as modified herein.

3. Kirkland is authorized to provide the Debtors with the professional services as described in the Application and the Engagement Letter. Specifically, but without limitation, Kirkland will render the following legal services:

- a. advising the Debtors with respect to their powers and duties as debtors in possession in the continued management and operation of their businesses and properties;
- b. advising and consulting on their conduct during these chapter 11 cases, including all of the legal and administrative requirements of operating in chapter 11;
- c. attending meetings and negotiating with representatives of creditors and other parties in interest;
- d. taking all necessary actions to protect and preserve the Debtors' estates, including prosecuting actions on the Debtors' behalf, defending any action commenced against the Debtors, and representing the Debtors in negotiations concerning litigation in which the Debtors are involved, including objections to claims filed against the Debtors' estates;
- e. preparing pleadings in connection with these chapter 11 cases, including motions, applications, answers, orders, reports, and papers necessary or otherwise beneficial to the administration of the Debtors' estates;
- f. representing the Debtors in connection with obtaining authority to continue using cash collateral and postpetition financing;
- g. advising the Debtors in connection with any potential sale of assets;
- h. appearing before the Court and any appellate courts to represent the interests of the Debtors' estates;
- i. advising the Debtors regarding tax matters;
- j. taking any necessary action on behalf of the Debtors to negotiate, prepare, and obtain approval of a disclosure statement and confirmation of a chapter 11 plan and all documents related thereto; and
- k. performing all other necessary legal services for the Debtors in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases, including: (i) analyzing the Debtors' leases and contracts and the assumption and assignment or rejection thereof; (ii) analyzing the validity of liens against the Debtors; and (iii) advising the Debtors on corporate and litigation matters.

4. Kirkland shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases in compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. Kirkland also intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013* (the "Revised UST Guidelines"), both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Kirkland in these chapter 11 cases.

5. Kirkland is authorized without further order of the Court to apply amounts from the prepetition advance payment retainer to compensate and reimburse Kirkland for fees or expenses incurred on or prior to the Petition Date consistent with its ordinary course billing practice. At the conclusion of Kirkland's engagement by the Debtors, if the amount of any advance payment retainer held by Kirkland is in excess of the amount of Kirkland's outstanding and estimated fees, expenses, and costs, Kirkland will pay to the Debtors the amount by which any advance payment retainer exceed such fees, expenses, and costs.

6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, the Engagement Letter, or the Declarations attached to the Application, the reimbursement provisions allowing the reimbursement of fees and expenses incurred in connection with participating in, preparing for, or responding to any action, claim, suit, or proceeding brought by or against any party that relates to the legal services provided under the Engagement Letter and fees for defending any objection to

Kirkland's fee applications under the Bankruptcy Code are not approved pending further order of the Court.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, the Engagement Letter, or the Declarations attached to the Application, the "Client Waiver" of the right to object to fees and expenses once paid is not effective while the Client is a debtor-in-possession. The Client Waiver shall not be construed to limit, restrict, or impair, while Client is a debtor in possession, Client's responsibility to protect and conserve estate assets by reviewing and objecting to the allowance of professional fees in accordance with 11 U.S.C. §§ 330, 331, and 1106(a)(1) (incorporating sections 704(a)(5) and 704(a)(2)).

8. Kirkland shall not charge a markup to the Debtors with respect to fees billed by contract attorneys who are hired by Kirkland to provide services to the Debtors and shall ensure that any such contract attorneys are subject to conflict checks and disclosures in accordance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules.

9. Kirkland shall provide ten-business-days' notice to the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, and any official committee before any increases in the rates set forth in the Application or the Engagement Letter are implemented and shall file such notice with the Court. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

10. Kirkland shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of the Debtors' other retained professionals in these chapter 11 cases.

11. The Debtors and Kirkland are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

12. Notice of the Application as provided therein is deemed to be good and sufficient notice of such Application, and the requirements of the Bankruptcy Local Rules are satisfied by the contents of the Application.

13. To the extent the Application, the Hessler Declaration, the Grafton Declaration, or the Engagement Letter is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

14. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

15. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: November 14, 2018.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 1
Engagement Letter

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

AND AFFILIATED PARTNERSHIPS

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March 7, 2018

Jennifer Grafton, Esq.
Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Legal Officer
Westmoreland Coal Company
9540 South Maroon Circle
Suite 300
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Re: Retention to Provide Legal Services

Dear Ms. Grafton:

We are very pleased that you have asked us to represent Westmoreland Coal Company and those wholly or partially owned subsidiaries listed in an addendum or supplement to this letter, as such list may be amended from time to time by the Parties (as defined below) (collectively, "Client"), in connection with a potential restructuring. Please note, the Firm's representation is only of Client; the Firm does not and will not represent any direct or indirect shareholder, director, officer, partner, employee, affiliate, or joint venturer of Client or of any other entity".

General Terms. This retention letter (this "Agreement") sets forth the terms of Client's retention of Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (and its affiliated entity Kirkland & Ellis International LLP (collectively, the "Firm")) to provide legal services and constitutes an agreement between the Firm and Client (the "Parties"). This Agreement sets forth the Parties' entire agreement for rendering professional services for the current matter, as well as for all other existing or future matters (collectively, the "Engagement"), except where the Parties otherwise agree in writing. For the avoidance of any doubt, we will not represent the Conflicts Board of Westmoreland Resource Partners GP, LLC in connection with the Engagement. Furthermore, this Agreement supersedes and replaces all prior letters of engagement between the Firm and Client.

Fees. The Firm will bill Client for fees incurred at its regular hourly rates and in quarterly increments of an hour (or in smaller time increments as otherwise required by a court). The Firm reserves the right to adjust the Firm's billing rates from time to time in the ordinary course of the Firm's representation of Client.

Although the Firm will attempt to estimate fees to assist Client in Client's planning if requested, such estimates are subject to change and are not binding unless otherwise expressly and unequivocally stated in writing.

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Expenses. Expenses related to providing services shall be included in the Firm's statements as disbursements advanced by the Firm on Client's behalf. Such expenses include photocopying, printing, scanning, witness fees, travel expenses, filing and recording fees, certain secretarial overtime, and other overtime expenses, postage, express mail, and messenger charges, deposition costs, computerized legal research charges, and other computer services, and miscellaneous other charges. Client shall pay directly (and is solely responsible for) certain larger costs, such as consultant or expert witness fees and expenses, and outside suppliers' or contractors' charges, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties. By executing this Agreement below, Client agrees to pay for all charges in accordance with the Firm's schedule of charges, a copy of which is attached hereto at Schedule 1, as revised from time to time.

Billing Procedures. The Firm's statements of fees and expenses are typically delivered monthly, but the Firm reserves the right to alter the timing of delivering its statements depending on circumstances. The Firm, to the extent required by a court or applicable law, may provide separate invoices for fees and expenses incurred on behalf of Westmoreland Resource Partners GP, LLC and its subsidiaries (including Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP). Client may have the statement in any reasonable format it chooses, but the Firm will select an initial format for the statement unless Client otherwise requests in writing. Depending on the circumstances, however, estimated or summary statements may be provided, with time and expense details to follow thereafter.

Retainer. Client agrees to provide to the Firm an "advance payment retainer," as defined in Rule 1.15(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct, *Dowling v. Chicago Options Assoc., Inc.*, 875 N.E.2d 1012, 1018 (Ill. 2007), and *In re Caesars Entm't Operating Co., Inc.*, No. 15-01145 (ABG) (Bankr. N.D. Ill. May 28, 2015) (and cases cited therein), in the initial amount of \$750,000. In addition, Client agrees to provide one or more additional advance payment retainers upon request by the Firm so that the amount of any advance payment retainers remains at or above the Firm's estimated fees and expenses. The Firm may apply the advance payment retainers to any outstanding fees as services are rendered and to expenses as they are incurred. Client understands and acknowledges that any advance payment retainers are earned by the Firm upon receipt, any advance payment retainers become the property of the Firm upon receipt, Client no longer has a property interest in any advance payment retainers upon the Firm's receipt, any advance payment retainers will be placed in the Firm's general account and will not be held in a client trust account, and Client will not earn any interest on any advance payment retainers; provided, however, that solely to the extent required under applicable law, at the conclusion of the Engagement, if the amount of any advance payment retainers held by the Firm is in excess of the amount of the Firm's outstanding and estimated fees, expenses, and costs, the Firm will pay to Client the amount by which any advance payment retainers exceed such fees, expenses, and costs. Client further understands and acknowledges that the use of advance payment retainers is an integral condition of the Engagement, and is necessary to ensure that: Client continues to have

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access to the Firm's services; the Firm is compensated for its representation of Client; the Firm is not a pre-petition creditor in the event of a Restructuring Case; and that in light of the foregoing, the provision of the advance payment retainers is in Client's best interests. The fact that Client has provided the Firm with an advance payment retainer does not affect Client's right to terminate the client-lawyer relationship.

Please be advised that there is another type of retainer known as a "security retainer," as defined in *Dowling v. Chicago Options Assoc.*, 875 N.E.2d at 1018, and *In re Caesars Entm't Operating Co., Inc.*, No. 15-01145 (ABG) (Bankr. N.D. Ill. May 28, 2015) (and cases cited therein). A security retainer remains the property of the client until the lawyer applies it to charges for services that are actually rendered and expenses that are incurred. Any unearned funds are then returned to the client. In other circumstances not present here, the Firm would consider a security retainer and Client's funds would be held in the Firm's segregated client trust account until applied to pay fees and expenses. Funds in a security retainer, however, can be subject to claims of Client's creditors and, if taken by creditors, may leave Client unable to pay for ongoing legal services, which may result in the Firm being unable to continue the Engagement. Moreover, a security retainer creates clawback risks for the Firm in the event of an insolvency proceeding. The choice of the type of retainer to be used is Client's choice alone, but for the Engagement and for the reasons set forth above, the Firm is unwilling to represent Client in the Engagement without using the advance payment retainer.

Termination. The Engagement may be terminated by either Party at any time by written notice by or to Client. The Engagement will end at the earliest of (a) Client's termination of the Engagement, (b) the Firm's withdrawal, and (c) the substantial completion of the Firm's substantive work. If permission for withdrawal is required by a court, the Firm shall apply promptly for such permission, and termination shall coincide with the court order for withdrawal. If this Agreement or the Firm's services are terminated for any reason, such termination shall be effective only to terminate the Firm's services prospectively and all the other terms of this Agreement shall survive any such termination.

Upon cessation of the Firm's active involvement in a particular matter (even if the Firm continues active involvement in other matters on Client's behalf), the Firm will have no further duty to inform Client of future developments or changes in law as may be relevant to such matter. Further, unless the Parties mutually agree in writing to the contrary, the Firm will have no obligation to monitor renewal or notice dates or similar deadlines that may arise from the matters for which the Firm had been retained.

Cell Phone and E-Mail Communication. The Firm hereby informs Client and Client hereby acknowledges that the Firm's attorneys sometimes communicate with their clients and their clients' professionals and agents by cell telephone, that such communications are capable of being

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intercepted by others and therefore may be deemed no longer protected by the attorney-client privilege, and that Client must inform the Firm if Client does not wish the Firm to discuss privileged matters on cell telephones with Client or Client's professionals or agents.

The Firm hereby informs Client and Client hereby acknowledges that the Firm's attorneys sometimes communicate with their clients and their clients' professionals and agents by unencrypted e-mail, that such communications are capable of being intercepted by others and therefore may be deemed no longer protected by the attorney-client privilege, and that Client must inform the Firm if Client wishes to institute a system to encode all e-mail between the Firm and Client or Client's professionals or agents.

File Retention. All records and files will be retained and disposed of in compliance with the Firm's policy in effect from time to time. Subject to future changes, it is the Firm's current policy generally not to retain records relating to a matter for more than five years. Upon Client's prior written request, the Firm will return client records that are Client's property to Client prior to their destruction. It is not administratively feasible for the Firm to advise Client of the closing of a matter or the disposal of records. The Firm recommends, therefore, that Client maintain Client's own files for reference or submit a written request for Client's client files promptly upon conclusion of a matter. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, Client acknowledges and agrees that any applicable privilege of Client (including any attorney-client and work product privilege or any duty of confidentiality) (collectively, the "Privileges") belongs to Client alone and not to any successor entity (including without limitation the Client after a change in control or other similar restructuring or non-restructuring transaction (including without limitation a reorganized Client after the effective date of a plan of reorganization), whether through merger, asset or equity sale, business combination, or otherwise, irrespective of whether such transaction occurs in a Restructuring Case or on an out-of-court basis (in each case, a "Transaction"). Client hereby waives any right, title, and interest of such successor entity to all information, data, documents, or communications in any format covered by the Privileges that is in the possession of the Firm ("Firm Materials"), to the extent that such successor entity had any right, title, and interest to such Firm Materials. For the avoidance of doubt, Client agrees and acknowledges that after a Transaction, such successor entity shall have no right to claim or waive the Privileges or request the return of any such Firm Materials; instead, such Firm Materials shall remain in the Firm's sole possession and control for its exclusive use, and the Firm will (a) not waive any Privileges or disclose the Firm Materials, (b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Privileges survive and remain in full force and effect, and (c) assert the Privileges to prevent disclosure of any Firm Materials.

Conflicts of Interest. As is customary for a law firm of the Firm's size, there are numerous business entities, with which Client currently has relationships, that the Firm has represented or currently represents in matters unrelated to Client. The Firm notes that the Firm currently

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represents or has represented certain creditors of Client or their respective affiliates (collectively, the “Interested Parties”) in matters unrelated to Client and the Firm will continue to do so in such unrelated matters. Because Client is engaged in activities (and may in the future engage in additional activities) in which Client’s interests may diverge from those of the Interested Parties or the Firm’s other clients, the possibility exists that the Interested Parties or one of the Firm’s clients may take positions adverse to Client.

Further, in undertaking the representation of Client, the Firm wants to be fair not only to Client’s interests but also to those of the Firm’s other clients. Because Client is engaged in activities (and may in the future engage in additional activities) in which its interests may diverge from those of the Firm’s other clients, the possibility exists that one of the Firm’s current or future clients may take positions adverse to Client (including litigation or other dispute resolution mechanisms) in a matter in which the Firm may be retained. In the event a present conflict of interest exists between Client and the Firm’s other clients or in the event one arises in the future, Client agrees to waive any such conflict of interest or other objection that would preclude the Firm’s representation of another client (a) in other current or future matters substantially unrelated to the Engagement or (b) other than during a Restructuring Case (as defined below), in other matters related to Client (including in litigation, arbitration, or other dispute resolution mechanisms). Client also agrees that the Firm’s representation in the Engagement is solely of Client and that no member or other entity or person related to it (such as a shareholder, director, officer, partner, employee, or joint venturer) has the status of a client for conflict of interest purposes.

The Firm informs Client that certain entities owned by current or former Firm attorneys and senior staff (“attorney investment entities”) have investments in funds or companies that may, directly or indirectly, be affiliated with Client, hold investments in Client’s debt or equity securities, or conduct commercial transactions with Client (each, a “Passive Holding”). The attorney investment entities are passive and have no management or other control rights in such funds or companies. The Firm notes that other persons may in the future assert that a Passive Holding creates, in certain circumstances, a conflict between the Firm’s exercise of its independent professional judgment in rendering advice to Client and the financial interest of Firm attorneys participating in the attorney investment entities, and such other persons might seek to limit Client’s ability to use the Firm to advise Client on a particular matter. While the Firm cannot control what a person might assert or seek, the Firm believes that the Firm’s judgment will not be compromised by virtue of any Passive Holding. Please let us know if Client has any questions or concerns regarding the Passive Holdings. By executing this letter, Client acknowledges the Firm’s disclosure of the foregoing.

Restructuring Cases. If it becomes necessary for Client to commence a restructuring case under chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (a “Restructuring Case”), the Firm’s ongoing

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employment by Client will be subject to the approval of the court with jurisdiction over the petition. If necessary, the Firm will take steps necessary to prepare the disclosure materials required in connection with the Firm's retention as lead restructuring counsel. In the near term, the Firm will begin conflicts checks on potentially interested parties as provided by Client.

If necessary, the Firm will prepare a preliminary draft of a schedule describing the Firm's relationships with certain interested parties (the "Disclosure Schedule"). The Firm will give Client a draft of the Disclosure Schedule once it is available. Although the Firm believes that these relationships do not constitute actual conflicts of interest, these relationships must be described and disclosed in Client's application to the court to retain the Firm.

If in the Firm's determination a conflict of interest arises in Client's Restructuring Case requiring separate conflicts counsel, then Client will be required to use separate conflicts counsel in those matters.

No Guarantee of Success. It is impossible to provide any promise or guarantee about the outcome of Client's matters. Nothing in this Agreement or any statement by Firm staff or attorneys constitutes a promise or guarantee. Any comments about the outcome of Client's matter are simply expressions of judgment and are not binding on the Firm.

Consent to Use of Information. In connection with future materials that, for marketing purposes, describe facets of the Firm's law practice and recite examples of matters the Firm handles on behalf of clients, Client agrees that, if those materials avoid disclosing Client's confidences and secrets as defined by applicable ethical rules, they may identify Client as a client, may contain factual synopses of Client's matters, and may indicate generally the results achieved.

Reimbursement of Fees and Expenses. Client agrees to promptly reimburse the Firm for all internal or external fees and expenses, including the amount of the Firm's attorney and paralegal time at normal billing rates, as incurred by the Firm in connection with participating in, preparing for, or responding to any action, claim, objection, suit, or proceeding brought by or against any third-party that relates to the legal services provided by the Firm under this Agreement. Without limiting the scope of the foregoing, and by way of example only, this paragraph extends to all such fees and expenses incurred by the Firm: in responding to document subpoenas, and preparing for and testifying at depositions and trials; and with respect to the filing, preparation, prosecution or defense of any applications by the Firm for approval of fees and expenses in a judicial, arbitral, or similar proceeding. Further, Client understands, acknowledges, and agrees that in connection with a Restructuring Case, if Client has not objected to the payment of a Firm invoice or to a Firm fee and expense application, has in fact paid such invoice, or has approved such fee and expense application, then Client waives its right (and the right of any successor entity as a result of a

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Transaction or otherwise) to subsequently object to the payment of fees and expenses covered by such invoice or fee application.

LLP. Kirkland & Ellis LLP is a limited liability partnership organized under the laws of Illinois, and Kirkland & Ellis International LLP is a limited liability partnership organized under the laws of Delaware. Pursuant to those statutory provisions, an obligation incurred by a limited liability partnership, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, is solely the obligation of the limited liability partnership, and partners are not personally liable, directly or indirectly, by way of indemnification, contribution, assessment or otherwise, for such obligation solely by reason of being or so acting as a partner.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois, without giving effect to the conflicts of law principles thereof.

Miscellaneous. This Agreement sets forth the Parties' entire agreement for rendering professional services. It can be amended or modified only in writing and not orally or by course of conduct. Each Party signing below is jointly and severally responsible for all obligations due to the Firm and represents that each has full authority to execute this Agreement so that it is binding. This Agreement may be signed in one or more counterparts and binds each Party countersigning below. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof is held invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement which can be given effect without such provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable. Any agreement or waiver contained herein by Client extends to any assignee or successor in interest to Client, including without limitation the reorganized Client upon and after the effective date of a plan of reorganization in a Restructuring Case.

This Agreement is the product of arm's-length negotiations between sophisticated parties, and Client acknowledges that it is experienced with respect to the retention of legal counsel. Therefore, the Parties acknowledge and agree that any otherwise applicable rule of contract construction or interpretation which provides that ambiguities shall be construed against the drafter (and all similar rules of contract construction or interpretation) shall not apply to this Agreement. The Parties further acknowledge that the Firm is not advising Client with respect to this Agreement because the Firm would have a conflict of interest in doing so, and that Client has consulted (or had the opportunity to consult) with legal counsel of its own choosing. Client further acknowledges that Client has entered into this Agreement and agreed to all of its terms and conditions voluntarily and fully-informed, based on adequate information and Client's own independent judgment. The Parties further acknowledge that they intend for this Agreement to be effective and fully enforceable upon its execution and to be relied upon by the Parties.

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Please confirm your agreement with the arrangements described in this letter by signing the enclosed copy of this letter in the space provided below and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

By: 

Printed Name: Stephen E. Hessler, P.C.

Title: Partner

Agreed and accepted this 28 day of February, 2018

WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY
(on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries identified in
the attached addendum)

By: 

Name: Jennifer Grafton, Esq.

Title: Chief Administrative Officer and Chief
Legal Officer

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ADDENDUM: List of Client Subsidiaries

Absaloka Coal, LLC
Basin Resources, Inc.
Buckingham Coal Company, LLC
Dakota Westmoreland Corp.
Daron Coal Company, LLC
Harrison Resources, LLC
Haystack Coal Company
Oxford Conesville, LLC
Oxford Mining Company, LLC
Oxford Mining Company-Kentucky, LLC
Prairie Mines & Royalty ULC
San Juan Coal Company
San Juan Transportation Company
Texas Westmoreland Coal Company
WCC Holding B.V.
WCC Land Holding Company, Inc.
WEI-Roanoke Valley, Inc.
Western Energy Company
Westmoreland Canada Holdings Inc.
Westmoreland Canada LLC
Westmoreland Canadian Investments, LP

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Westmoreland Coal Sales Co.

Westmoreland Energy Services, Inc.

Westmoreland Energy, LLC

Westmoreland Kemmerer Fee Coal Holdings, LLC

Westmoreland Kemmerer, LLC

Westmoreland Mining LLC

Westmoreland North Carolina Power LLC

Westmoreland Partners

Westmoreland Power, Inc.

Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP

Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC

Westmoreland Resources Inc.

Westmoreland Risk Management, Inc.

Westmoreland San Juan Holdings, Inc.

Westmoreland San Juan, LLC

Westmoreland Savage Corp.

Westmoreland-Roanoke Valley, LP

WRI Partners, Inc.

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CLIENT-REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES AND OTHER CHARGES

Effective 01/01/2018

The following outlines Kirkland & Ellis LLP's ("K&E LLP") policies and standard charges for various services performed by K&E LLP and/or by other third parties on behalf of the client which are often ancillary to our legal services. Services provided by in-house K&E LLP personnel are for the convenience of our clients. Given that these services are often ancillary to our legal services, in certain instances it may be appropriate and/or more cost efficient for these services to be outsourced to a third-party vendor. If services are provided beyond those outlined below, pricing will be based on K&E LLP's approximate cost and/or comparable market pricing.

- **Duplicating, Reprographics and Printing:** The following list details K&E LLP's charges for duplicating, reprographics and printing services:
 - ▶ Black and White Copy or Print (all sizes of paper):
 - \$0.16 per impression for all U.S. offices
 - €0.10 per impression in Munich
 - £0.15 per impression in London
 - HK\$1.50 per impression in Hong Kong
 - RMB1.00 per impression in Beijing and Shanghai
 - ▶ Color Copy or Print (all sizes of paper):
 - \$0.55 per impression
 - ▶ Scanned Images:
 - \$0.16 per page for black and white or color scans
 - ▶ Other Services:
 - CD/DVD Duplicating or Mastering - \$7/\$10 per CD/DVD
 - Binding - \$0.70 per binding
 - Large or specialized binders - \$13/\$27
 - Tabs - \$0.13 per item
 - OCR/File Conversion - \$0.03 per page
 - Large Format Printing - \$1.00 per sq. ft.
- **Secretarial and Word Processing:** Clients are not charged for secretarial and word processing activities incurred on their matters during standard business hours.
- **Overtime Charges:** Clients will be charged for overtime costs for secretarial and document services work if either (i) the client has specifically requested the after-hours work or (ii) the nature of the work being done for the client necessitates out-of-hours overtime and such work could not have been done during normal working hours. If these conditions are satisfied, costs for related overtime meals and transportation also will be charged.

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- **Travel Expenses:** We charge clients our out-of-pocket costs for travel expenses including associated travel agency fees. We charge coach fares (business class for international flights) unless the client has approved business-class, first-class or an upgrade. K&E LLP personnel are instructed to incur only reasonable airfare, hotel and meal expenses. K&E LLP negotiates, uses, and passes along volume discount hotel and air rates whenever practicable. However, certain retrospective rebates may not be passed along.
- **Catering Charges:** Clients will be charged for any in-house catering service provided in connection with client matters.
- **Communication Expenses:** We do not charge clients for telephone calls or faxes made from K&E LLP's offices with the exception of third-party conference calls and videoconferences.

Charges incurred for conference calls, videoconferences, cellular telephones, and calls made from other third-party locations will be charged to the client at the actual cost incurred. Further, other telecommunication expenses incurred at third-party locations (e.g., phone lines at trial sites, Internet access, etc.) will be charged to the client at the actual cost incurred.

- **Overnight Delivery/Postage:** We charge clients for the actual cost of overnight and special delivery (e.g., Express Mail, FedEx, and DHL), and U.S. postage for materials mailed on the client's behalf. K&E LLP negotiates, uses, and passes along volume discount rates whenever practicable.
- **Messengers:** We charge clients for the actual cost of a third party vendor messenger.
- **Library Research Services:** Library Research staff provides research and document retrieval services at the request of attorneys, and clients are charged per hour for these services. Any expenses incurred in connection with the request, such as outside retrieval service or online research charges, are passed on to the client at cost, including any applicable discounts.
- **Online Research Charges:** K&E LLP charges for costs incurred in using third-party online research services in connection with a client matter. K&E LLP negotiates and uses discounts or special rates for online research services whenever possible and practicable and passes through the full benefit of any savings to the client based on actual usage.
- **Inter-Library Loan Services:** Our standard client charge for inter-library loan services when a K&E LLP library employee borrows a book from an outside source is \$25 per title. There is no client charge for borrowing books from K&E LLP

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libraries in other cities or from outside collections when the title is part of the K&E LLP collection but unavailable.

- **Off-Site Legal Files Storage:** Clients are not charged for off-site storage of files unless the storage charge is approved in advance.
- **Electronic Data Storage:** K&E LLP will not charge clients for costs to store electronic data and files on K&E LLP's systems if the data stored does not exceed 100 gigabytes (GB). If the data stored for a specific client exceeds 100GB, K&E LLP will charge clients \$4.00 per month/per GB for all network data stored until the data is either returned to the client or properly disposed of. For e-discovery data on the Relativity platform, K&E LLP will also charge clients \$4.00 per month/per GB until the data is either returned to the client or properly disposed of.
- **Calendar Court Services:** Our standard charge is \$25 for a court filing and other court services or transactions.
- **Supplies:** There is no client charge for standard office supplies. Clients are charged for special items (e.g., a minute book, exhibit tabs/indexes/dividers, binding, etc.) and then at K&E LLP's actual cost.
- **Contract Attorneys and Contract Non-Attorney Billers:** If there is a need to utilize a contract attorney or contract non-attorney on a client engagement, clients will be charged a standard hourly rate for these billers unless other specific billing arrangements are agreed between K&E LLP and client.
- **Expert Witnesses, Experts of Other Types, and Other Third Party Consultants:** If there is a need to utilize an expert witness, expert of other type, or other third party consultant such as accountants, investment bankers, academicians, other attorneys, etc. on a client engagement, clients will be requested to retain or pay these individuals directly unless specific billing arrangements are agreed between K&E LLP and client.
- **Third Party Expenditures:** Third party expenditures (e.g., corporate document and lien searches, lease of office space at Trial location, IT equipment rental, SEC and regulatory filings, etc.) incurred on behalf of a client, will be passed through to the client at actual cost. If the invoice exceeds \$50,000, it is K&E LLP's policy that wherever possible such charges will be directly billed to the client. In those circumstances where this is not possible, K&E LLP will seek reimbursement from our client prior to paying the vendor.

Unless otherwise noted, charges billed in foreign currencies are determined annually based on current U.S. charges at an appropriate exchange rate.