

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

In re:

WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY, *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-35672 (DRJ)

(Jointly Administered)

MCKINSEY RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION SERVICES U.S., LLC'S INITIAL STATUS REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDER ON JOINT MOTION IN FURTHERANCE OF MEDIATION AGREEMENT [DKT. 1427]

¹ Due to the large number of debtors in these chapter 11 cases, which are consolidated for procedural purposes only, 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 proposed 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.

INITIAL STATUS REPORT

1. McKinsey Recovery & Transformation Services U.S., LLC (“RTS”) submits this initial status report in accordance with the procedures set forth in the joint motion filed on February 20, 2019 by RTS and Westmoreland Coal Company and certain of its debtor affiliates, Dkt. 1422 (“Motion”), and so-ordered by this Court on February 21, 2019, Dkt. 1427, at ¶¶ 1, 3.

2. RTS agreed to “report back to the Court within two weeks of the entry of the order contemplated by this motion to disclose the identity of the third-party expert” retained to work with RTS in connection with the development of new disclosure protocols. *See* Mot. at ¶¶ 5(a) & 6.

3. Accordingly, RTS now reports that it will retain **D. Jansing Baker** as an expert “to work with [RTS] concerning new disclosure protocols for McKinsey RTS in [*Westmoreland*] and other cases.” *See id.* at ¶ 5(a).

4. RTS will submit a second status report to this Court two weeks from today’s filing. In the second status report, RTS will attach a copy of its retention agreement with Mr. Baker. RTS will also describe the progress made, in consultation with Mr. Baker, to develop a new disclosure protocol to apply in *Westmoreland* and other cases. And finally, in consultation with Mr. Baker, RTS will include a proposed timetable for filing the new disclosure protocol with this Court.

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Houston, TX

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2019, I caused the foregoing pleading to be filed with the Court and thereby served by the Court's CM/ECF noticing to all parties registered to receive electronic notice in this case.

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