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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

_____)
In re:) Chapter 11
)
PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,) Case No. 15-32450 (KLP)
)
Debtors.) (Jointly Administered)
_____)

**NOTICE OF (I) CONFIRMATION OF THE DEBTORS'
CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION, (II) OCCURRENCE
OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE, AND (III) RELATED BAR DATES**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on October 9, 2015, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the "Court") confirmed the *Debtors' Fourth Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* (the "Plan"), which, as modified, was attached as Exhibit A to the order confirming the Plan [Docket No. 1615] (the "Confirmation Order").¹

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT on **October 26, 2015**, the Plan's Effective Date occurred, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Blackhawk APA is deemed effective as of 12:01 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Confirmation Order or the Plan, as applicable.

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October 26, 2015, and the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the VCLF APA is deemed effective as of 12:01 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on October 27, 2015.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Effective Date has been fixed as the record date for purposes of making distribution under the Plan on account of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests, except as otherwise provided by the Plan or the Confirmation Order.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT pursuant to Article V.C of the Plan, unless otherwise provided by an order of the Court, all Proofs of Claim with respect to Claims arising from the rejection of Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases, in accordance with the Plan or the Confirmation Order or the transactions contemplated thereby, must be Filed with the Notice and Claims Agent no later than thirty days after the effective date of such rejection. **Any Claim 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 will not be enforceable against the Debtors, the Estates, the Combined Company, VCLF, or their property, without the need for any objection by the Debtors or further notice to, 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 will be deemed fully satisfied, released, and discharged, and be subject to the permanent injunction set forth in Article VIII.F of the Plan. All Allowed Claims arising from the rejection of the Debtors' Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases will be classified as General Unsecured Claims and will be treated in accordance with Article III.B of the Plan.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, except as otherwise provided by a Final Order previously entered by the Court (including the OCP Order and the DIP Orders) or as provided by Article II.B of the Plan, unless previously Filed, requests for payment of Administrative Claims must be Filed and served on the Debtors no later than **November 25, 2015** (the "**Administrative Claims Bar Date**"). Holders of Administrative Claims that are required to File and serve a request for payment of such Administrative Claims that do not file and serve such a request by the Administrative Claims Bar Date will be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from asserting such Administrative Claims against the Debtors or their property, and such Administrative Claims will be deemed discharged as of the Effective Date. Objections to such requests must be Filed and served on the requesting party by **December 28, 2015**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT all final requests for payment of Professional Fee Claims must be Filed with the Court and served on the Debtors (or the Liquidating Trustee) no later than **December 28, 2015**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Plan and the Confirmation Order are binding on all parties in interest in the Chapter 11 Cases, including the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee, and all holders of Claims and Interests, whether or not Impaired under the Plan and whether or not such Holders have accepted or rejected the Plan or affirmatively voted to reject the Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a copy of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, and other documents and materials filed in the Chapter 11 Cases may be obtained free of

charge by visiting the website of the Notice and Claims Agent, Prime Clerk LLC, at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/patriotcoal/> or by calling (844) 864-0639 (for domestic or Canadian callers).

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Richmond, Virginia

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