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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re)	
)	Chapter 11
WESTMORELAND COAL COMPANY,)	Case No. 94-1066(PJW)
WESTMORELAND COAL SALES COMPANY, INC.)	Case No. 94-1067(PJW)
CRITERION COAL COMPANY,)	Case No. 94-1068(PJW)
KENTUCKY CRITERION COAL COMPANY,)	Case No. 94-1069(PJW)
DEANE PROCESSING COMPANY,)	Case No. 94-1070(PJW)
)	
)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)	

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASES UNDER CHAPTER 11 OF THE
BANKRUPTCY CODE, MEETING OF CREDITORS PURSUANT TO
SECTION 341 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND FIXING OF DATES

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

COMMENCEMENT OF CASE. On November 8, 1994, each of Westmoreland Coal Company, a Delaware corporation ("Westmoreland"); Westmoreland Coal Sales Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation; Criterion Coal Company, a Delaware corporation; Kentucky Criterion Coal Company, a Delaware corporation; and Deane Processing Company, a Delaware corporation; filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court"), a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") and an order for relief has been entered. These cases are being jointly administered under Case No. 94-1066. Pursuant to Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, the debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession. You will not receive notice of all documents filed in these cases. All documents filed with the Court are or will be available for inspection at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court.

CREDITORS MAY NOT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS. A creditor is anyone to whom any of the debtors owes money or property. Under the Bankruptcy Code, the debtors are granted certain protection against creditors. Common examples of prohibited actions by creditors are contacting a debtor to demand repayment, taking action against a debtor to collect money owed to creditors or to take property of a debtor, terminating or changing the terms of existing contracts or agreements, initiating or attempting to pursue litigation against a debtor and starting or continuing foreclosure actions, repossessions, or taking any action to realize the value of secured collateral. If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against a debtor, the court may penalize that creditor. A creditor who is considering taking action against any of the debtors or the property of the debtors should review Section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code and may wish to seek legal advice. The staff of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court is not permitted to give legal advice.

MEETING OF CREDITORS. A meeting of creditors pursuant to Section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code has been scheduled for **December 12, 1994 at 3:00 p.m.** at the **Holiday Inn Downtown, Newark Room, 1st Floor, 700 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware.** The debtors' representatives are required to appear at the meeting of creditors for the purpose of being examined under oath. You are invited to attend this meeting, but your attendance is not mandatory. At the meeting, the creditors may examine the debtors and ask such questions as may properly be raised at the

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meeting. The meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time by notice at the meeting without further written notice to creditors.

PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER 11 FILINGS. Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code enables a debtor to reorganize pursuant to a plan of reorganization. IN THIS CASE, THE DEBTORS HAVE ALREADY FILED THEIR PLAN OF REORGANIZATION (THE "PLAN") AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THE PLAN LEAVES ALL CLAIMS AND INTERESTS OF CREDITORS AND EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS UNIMPAIRED. YOU WILL RECEIVE SEPARATE NOTICE OF THE HEARING AT WHICH THE DEBTORS WILL SEEK CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

THE PLAN DOES NOT ALTER THE RIGHTS OF TRADE CREDITORS, EMPLOYEES, LITIGATION CLAIMANTS, OR OTHER UNSECURED CREDITORS OR EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS.

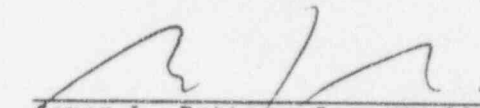
DEBTORS' ATTORNEYS. Attorneys for the debtors are Sidley & Austin, 875 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Thomas E. Pitts, Jr., Esquire (212) 906-2000 and Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, 11th Floor, Rodney Square North, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attention: James L. Patton, Jr., Esquire, (302) 571-6600, Delaware counsel to the Debtors.

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NOTICE OF (1) HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF
DEBTORS' DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND (2) HEARING TO CONSIDER
CONFIRMATION OF DEBTORS' PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN as follows:

1. On November 8, 1994, Westmoreland Coal Company, a Delaware corporation ("Westmoreland"); Westmoreland Coal Sales Company, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("WCSC"); Criterion Coal Company, a Delaware corporation ("Criterion"); Kentucky Criterion Coal Company, a Delaware corporation ("Kentucky Criterion"); and Deane Processing Company, a Delaware corporation ("Deane"), each debtors and debtors-in-possession herein, (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed a motion (the "Motion") requesting the Court to (a) approve, pursuant to Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code the Debtors' Disclosure Statement dated November 8, 1994 (the "Disclosure Statement") as containing adequate information, and (2) confirm the Debtors' Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") pursuant to Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. **HOLDERS OF ALL ALLOWED CLAIMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRADE CLAIMS AND CLAIMS OF EMPLOYEES, WILL GENERALLY BE UNAFFECTED BY THE PLAN.**

2. The Plan proposes to leave all allowed Administrative Claims, Priority Tax Claims, Other Priority Claims, Revolver Bank Claims, Private Placement Lender Claims, DTA Bank Claims, Miscellaneous Secured Claims, General Unsecured Claims, Rejection Damages Claims, Preferred Stock Interest and Preferred Stock Claims, Common Stock Claims and Interests and Other Equity Securities Interests unimpaired. Because all classes of Claims and Interests under the Plan are unimpaired, they are conclusively presumed to accept the Plan and no solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan is required.

3. A copy of each of the Disclosure Statement and the Plan is available for inspection at the offices of the Debtors' counsel at the addresses listed below or you may receive a copy at no charge to you, upon written request to the Debtors' counsel at the addresses listed below.

HEARING ON APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

4. A hearing to consider approval of the Disclosure Statement has been set by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court") at 10:00 a.m. on December 13, 1994, at the Bankruptcy Court, Marine Midland Plaza, 6th Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, before the Honorable Peter J. Walsh (the "Disclosure Statement Hearing") at which time any party in interest who has not waived its right to object may appear and state its objection, if any, to the approval of the Disclosure

Statement as containing adequate information. No further notice shall be provided to creditors or equity security holders of any adjournment of the Disclosure Statement Hearing announced in open court at the Disclosure Statement Hearing or at any subsequent Disclosure Statement Hearing.

5. Any objections to the Disclosure Statement must be in writing and must be filed with the Court and served upon so as to be received not later than December 6, 1994 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, by: (1) counsel for the Debtors, Sidley & Austin, 875 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attention: Thomas E. Pitts, Jr., Esquire, (2) Delaware counsel for the Debtors, Young, Conaway, Stargatt & Taylor, 11th Floor - Rodney Square North, P.O. Box 391, Wilmington, Delaware 19899, Attention: James L. Patton, Jr., Esquire, and (3) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 601 Walnut Street, Curtis Center, Suite No. 950 West, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

6. A hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan, and any objection thereto has been set by the Bankruptcy Court, Marine Midland Plaza, 6th Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 before the Honorable Peter J. Walsh, to commence immediately following the Disclosure Statement Hearing referred to above or at such later time as determined by the Court at the conclusion of the Disclosure Statement Hearing (the "Confirmation Hearing"). No further notice shall be provided to creditors

or equity security holders of any adjournment of the Confirmation Hearing announced in open court at the Confirmation Hearing or at any subsequent Confirmation Hearing.

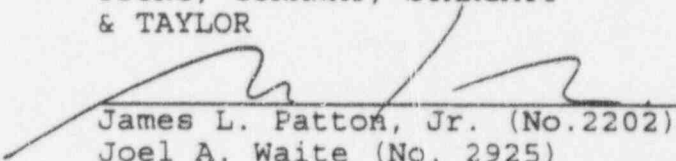
7. Any objections to confirmation of the Plan must be in writing and must be filed with the Court and served upon so as to be received not later than December 6, 1994 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time by the persons set forth in paragraph 5 above.

8. Any response of the Debtors to an objection to the Disclosure Statement or confirmation of the Plan will be filed with the Court and served upon the objector(s) so as to be received not later than December 9, 1994 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

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