



## Western Canadian Coal

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### **WESTERN CANADIAN COAL FILES A REVISED BELCOURT PROPERTY TECHNICAL REPORT**

**Vancouver, B.C. March 16, 2009 – Western Canadian Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN)** (“Company” or “Western”) announces filing of a revised technical report regarding the Belcourt coal property. The report entitled “Technical Report Belcourt Project” and dated March 2, 2009 can be found in the Company’s filings on SEDAR ([www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com)). This report is filed to correct certain deficiencies for NI 43-101 reporting purposes in the report on the same subject filed on January 28, 2009 and does not change the proven reserves, the measured and indicated resources nor the potential production figures as previously reported. Highlights of the report include:

- 86 million tonnes of Proven Reserves of metallurgical coal in two deposits, Belcourt North and Belcourt South.
- 167 million tonnes of Measured (including 2 million tonnes thermal) and 4 million tonnes of Indicated Resources among the two deposits
- Potential production of 4 million tonnes per year of saleable clean coal
- 15 years of production from defined reserves on the property

Sandwell Engineering Inc. prepared a feasibility study that is the basis of the Technical Report. Numerous consultant specialists as outlined in the Technical Report contributed to the study. Qualified Persons who are authors of the Technical Report include:

- Geology & Resources - John H. Perry, P. Geo (internal), and Robert J. Morris, P. Geo, Principal of Moose Mountain Member Corp., (independent);
- Reserves - Jay Q.L. Horton, P. Eng., Senior Mining Engineer with Norwest Corporation (independent).

The Belcourt Property is held by the Belcourt-Saxon Coal Limited Partnership (“BSCLP”), in which Western has a 50% economic interest. BSCLP has the Belcourt, Belcourt West, Omega and Saxon coal properties located approximately 65 to 125 kilometres south of Tumbler Ridge, BC, where Western’s Wolverine Operations are located.

The only changes in this filing from the previous report were to Section 22, which now delineates estimated costs required to complete the next phase of activities recommended in the report. The phase was not clearly defined and costs were not estimated in the previous report.

*Western is solely and entirely responsible for the contents of this news release. This has been reviewed and approved by the Qualified Persons of the technical report, as cited therein. No other party, including any parties which have an interest in the project, are in any way responsible for the contents hereof.*

**About Western Canadian Coal**

Western Canadian Coal Corp. produces high quality metallurgical coal from mines located in the northeast of British Columbia. The coal is sold to many of the top steelmakers in the world. The Company also has interests in various coal properties in northern and southern British Columbia and a 50% interest to explore and develop the Belcourt and Saxon group of properties in northern BC. Currently, these properties provide the company with an estimated 15 years of coal reserves at current production levels. For more information, please visit [www.westerncanadiancoal.com](http://www.westerncanadiancoal.com)

**Forward-Looking Information**

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