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***News Release***

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## **WESTERN CANADIAN COAL PROVIDES Q4-2009 OPERATIONS UPDATE ANNOUNCES Q4-2009 EARNINGS RELEASE DATE**

**Vancouver, B.C. May 25, 2009 – Western Canadian Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN)** (“Company”) announces an update on production and shipments for the fourth quarter ending March 31, 2009 and the expected release date of the Company’s fourth quarter fiscal 2009 financial results

### **Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2009 Operations Update**

For the fourth quarter fiscal 2009, the Company had shipments of approximately 276,700 tonnes of hard coking coal and 68,500 tonnes of low-volatile PCI coal (“ULV-PCI”). Sales prices in the quarter averaged US\$250 per tonne.

Production for the fourth quarter was 359,700 tonnes of hard coking coal and 142,000 tonnes of ULV-PCI. During the quarter, the stripping ratio at the Wolverine Operation was 15:1, which was lower than the 17:1 ratio in the third fiscal quarter, and continues to fall towards fiscal 2010 plan levels of 12:1. The stripping ratio is a key indicator of cash costs of the operations.

The Company’s March 31, 2009 working capital position continues to improve. The strong working capital position includes approximately \$75 million of cash. The cash balance takes into consideration the January 2009 repayment of Western’s C\$5 million loan from Cambrian Mining Plc and the US\$32 million loan made to Cambrian Mining (refer to January 22, 2009 press release).

### **Fourth Quarter Fiscal 2009 Earnings and Conference Call**

The Company expects to release fourth quarter fiscal 2009 financial and operating results on June 29, 2009 (before market hours). The Company is planning to hold a conference call to discuss the quarter’s financial and operating results on June 29, 2009 at 8:00 AM (Pacific).

To participate in the call, please dial either 416-644-3426 or 1-800-731-5319. For replay access please dial either 416-640-1917 or 1-877-289-8525.

The call will be webcast live and will be available at [www.westerncanadiancoal.com](http://www.westerncanadiancoal.com)

### ***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. For more information, please visit [www.westerncanadiancoal.com](http://www.westerncanadiancoal.com)

### **Forward-Looking Information**

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