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**News Release**

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## **RISK METRICS RECOMMENDS SHAREHOLDERS APPROVE THE ACQUISITION OF CAMBRIAN MINING PLC**

**Vancouver, B.C. June 11, 2009 – Western Canadian Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN)** (“Company” or “Western”) is pleased to announce that Risk Metrics, an independent provider of proxy voting and corporate governance services, has recommended that shareholders vote in favour of Western’s proposed resolution to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Cambrian Mining Plc, The resolution will be voted on at the special meeting of shareholders to be held on Wednesday June 24, 2009. Risk Metrics reached their conclusion after reviewing the Company’s Notice of Meeting and Management Information Circular, dated May 22, 2009.

The combined operations of Western, a Canadian producer of high quality metallurgical coal, and Cambrian, a UK based diversified mining company operating in three continents, will result in a financially stronger and more diversified coal mining company.

In making its recommendation, Risk Metrics concluded “The business combination is with a subsidiary and offers business synergies through product and market diversification as well as cost savings. We understand that the Cambrian team has been instrumental in the past [in] building up Western’s capabilities....The merger agreement warrants shareholder support.”

To ensure that shareholders vote by way of proxy count, the proxy forms that were mailed to all shareholders must be received by 9:00am (Vancouver) on June 22, 2009 using one of the methods described on the form of proxy.

For more information on how to vote on the proposed resolution shareholders should contact Georgeson Shareholder Communications Canada Inc., the Company’s proxy solicitation agent, toll free at 1-866-676-2882.

### **About Risk Metrics**

*Risk Metrics provides advisory and voting services to over 2,200 clients, including leading pension funds, investment managers, mutual funds and institutional shareholders since 1987. Permission to use quotations from the Risk Metrics report was neither sought nor obtained.*

### **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)*

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