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WESTERN CANADIAN COAL CLOSES \$60 MILLION COMMON SHARE OFFERING

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Vancouver, B.C. August 19, 2009 – Western Canadian Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN) (“Western” or “Company”) is pleased to announce that it has completed the bought deal financing previously announced on July 24, 2009 and has issued 22.1 million common shares at \$2.70 per share for gross proceeds of \$59.7 million. The financing, which was oversubscribed, was underwritten by a syndicate of investment dealers led by Cormark Securities Inc. and included GMP Securities L.P., Canaccord Capital Corporation., and Salman Partners Inc. (the “Underwriters”). In addition, to the basic offering of 19.3 million shares, the Underwriters exercised their over-allotment option to acquire an additional 2.8 million shares.

The total number of common shares outstanding in the Company after the offering will be approximately 322 million (including 72.1 million common shares held directly or indirectly by Cambrian Mining Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, which are not entitled to be voted and are to be cancelled in due course).

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About Western

Western is a producer of high quality metallurgical and thermal coal from mines located in northeast British Columbia (Canada) and West Virginia (USA). The mines have the capacity to produce 7 million tonnes per year and have over 20 years of coal reserves. Western also owns a 50.6% interest Energybuild (EBG: AIM) which produces high quality anthracite and thermal coals in South Wales (UK). Other interests owned include a 45% interest in Xtract Energy (XTR: AIM), 20% interest in NEMI Northern Energy & Mining (NNE.A: TSX) and 100% of a small gold and antimony operation in Australia. The Company is headquartered in Vancouver, BC, Canada, and trades on the AIM and TSX stock exchanges under the symbol “WTN”. More information can be found at www.westerncanadiancoal.com

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