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## **WESTERN COAL ANNOUNCES FISCAL Q2-2010 OPERATIONS UPDATE AND Q2-2010 EARNINGS RELEASE DATE**

Vancouver, B.C. November 2, 2009 – Western Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN) (“Western” or “Company”), announces an update on operating results for the quarter ending September 30, 2009 (fiscal Q2-2010) and the expected release date of Q2-2010 financial results.

### **Fiscal Q2-2010 Operations Update**

For the quarter ending September 30, 2009, operating results from the Company’s Canadian operations include:

Shipments (000 metric tonnes)	
- Hard coking coal	370
- Low-vol PCI coal	248
Production (000 metric tonnes)	
- Hard coking coal	327
- Low-vol PCI	166
Average sales price realized	
- US\$ per metric tonne	\$111
- C\$ per metric tonne	\$122
Average cash costs, FOB (C\$/tonne)*	\$90

Operating results from its US operations from July 13, 2009\*\* to September 30, 2009 includes:

Shipments (000 short tons)	
- Metallurgical coal	95
- Thermal coal	182
Production (000 short tons)	
- Metallurgical coal	102
- Thermal coal	202
Average sales price realized	
- US\$ per short ton	\$88
- C\$ per short ton	\$96
Average cash costs per short ton (C\$/ton) *	\$70

\* not a measure recognized under Canadian GAAP and does not have a standardized meaning

\*\* date of acquisition

During the quarter, the average waste stripping ratio (waste BCM per tonne of clean coal produced) at the Wolverine Operation was approximately 12.4:1 and continues to fall towards fiscal 2010 target levels of 11:1. The stripping ratio is a key indicator of cash costs of the operations.

The Company ended the quarter in excess of \$115 million of net working capital, which includes approximately \$95 million of cash on hand.

### **Fiscal Q2-2010 Earnings Release and Conference Call**

Western expects to release fiscal Q2-2010 financial results before the TSX opens on November 13, 2009 and hold a conference call to discuss those results at 10:00am (Vancouver) November 13, 2009.

To participate in the call, please dial either 416-644-3415 or 1-877-974-0448. For replay access please dial either 416-640-1917 or 1-877-289-8525 and enter passcode 4180574#.

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

### **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 coal 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). 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.westerncoal.com](http://www.westerncoal.com)*

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