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CN RESUMES SHIPPING FOR WESTERN COAL

Vancouver, B.C. December 3, 2009 – Western Coal Corp (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and WTN.DB and AIM: WTN) (“Western” or “Company”), is pleased to announce that CN Rail has ended their 4-day labour disruption with the locomotive engineers’ union. CN resumed operations late last night.

The labour disruption has had no material impact on Western’s northeast BC operations. Throughout the disruption of service Western has maintained normal operations at its mines. With the resumption of services, the Company expects to meet all its customer commitments.

Western is also pleased to announce the Wolverine mine recently produced its 5 millionth tonne of clean coal. The Wolverine mine, built by Western on-time and on-budget, was a green field mine that was commissioned October 2006.

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) and a 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

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