

 **WESTMORELAND RESOURCE PARTNERS, LP**

Westmoreland Resource Partners Wins 2016 Active Mine Reclamation Award – Appalachian Region

Englewood, CO – October 4, 2016 – Westmoreland Coal Company (NYSE: WLB), and Westmoreland Resource Partners (NYSE: WMLP), announced today that their Daron-Consol Mine received the Active Mine Reclamation Award Appalachian Region from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement for the most exemplary mining operations and reclamation accomplishments.

This is the company's third Excellence in Coal Mine Reclamation Award in five years. The Daron Mine was recognized for mining and reclaiming nearly 40,000 feet of abandoned high-wall, which was previously mined in the 1960's and early 1970's. Westmoreland's efforts have created 16,900 feet of continuous stream channel; filled dozens of slurry impoundments; and turned some of the reclaimed areas into 23 acres of wetlands, and grazing lands.

"Our Ohio operations exemplify the reclamation standards of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, as well as Westmoreland's core value of Environmental Stewardship. With great vision, a comprehensive plan, and a strong dedication to doing right, all the credit goes to our coal miners who take great pride in reclaiming mined lands to a condition equal to or better than pre-mining," said Joseph Micheletti, Executive Vice President, Operations of Westmoreland Coal Company.

About Westmoreland Coal Company

Westmoreland Coal Company is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. Westmoreland's coal operations include surface coal mines in the United States and Canada, underground coal mines in Ohio and New Mexico, a char production facility, and a 50% interest in an activated carbon plant. Westmoreland also owns the general partner of and a majority interest in Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP, a publicly-traded coal master limited partnership (NYSE:WMLP). Its power operations include ownership of the two-unit ROVA coal-fired power plant in North Carolina. For more information, visit www.westmoreland.com.

About Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP

Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP is a low-cost producer of high-value thermal coal. It markets its coal primarily to large electric utilities with coal-fired, base-load scrubbed power plants under long-term coal sales contracts. For more information about Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP (NYSE: WMLP), please visit www.westmorelandmlp.com. Unitholders may request a hard copy of the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K free of charge, which is also routinely posted on and accessible at www.westmorelandmlp.com. The Partnership's most recent Annual Report was filed March 14, 2016.

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