

WESTMORELAND RESOURCE PARTNERS, LP

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

(Adopted as of October 25, 2016)

Introduction

The Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**General Partner**”) and the general partner of Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (together with its subsidiaries, the “**Partnership**”), has adopted these Corporate Governance Guidelines (these “**Guidelines**”) as of the date set forth above.

1. Director Qualifications

The Board shall have at least three “independent” directors as defined by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the New York Stock Exchange (the “**NYSE**”) as set forth in the NYSE Listed Company Manual. The Board shall assess, on an annual basis, the skills and characteristics that candidates for election to the Board should possess, as well as the composition of the Board as a whole. This assessment shall include the qualifications under applicable independence standards and other standards applicable to the Board and its committees, as well as consideration of skills and experience in the context of the needs of the Board.

It is the sense of the Board that an individual director who changes the principal employment or responsibility he or she held when last elected to the Board (other than a change anticipated and disclosed to the Board at the time of nomination for the last election) should volunteer to resign from the Board. It is not the sense of the Board that every such change in position by a director should necessarily result in the director’s stepping down from the Board. There should, however, be an opportunity for the Board to review the continued appropriateness of Board membership under the circumstances.

No director should serve on so many other public or private company boards that his or her ability to devote the necessary time and attention to his or her duties to the Board or to the Company’s affairs would be compromised. Determination of the existence of such a situation would be subject to the discretion of the Board. Directors should advise the Chairman of the Board in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on another public company’s board.

2. Director Responsibilities

In discharging their duties, directors shall be entitled to rely reasonably on the honesty and integrity of the Company’s senior executives and its outside advisors and auditors. The directors shall also be entitled to have the Partnership purchase reasonable directors’ and officers’ liability insurance on their behalf, to the benefits of indemnification to the fullest extent

permitted by law and the Company's governing documents and any indemnification agreements, and to exculpation as provided by state law and the Company's governing documents.

Directors are expected to attend Board meetings and meetings of committees of the Board on which they serve, and to spend the time needed and meet as frequently as necessary to properly discharge their responsibilities. Information and data that are important to the Board's understanding of the business to be conducted at a Board or committee meeting should ordinarily be distributed in writing to the directors before the meeting and directors should review these materials in advance of the meeting.

The Board has no policy requiring either that the positions of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the "CEO") be separate or that they be occupied by the same individual. The Board believes that this issue is properly addressed as part of the succession planning process and that it is in the best interests of the Company for the Board to make a determination on this subject whenever it elects a CEO or at other times when consideration of the matter is warranted by circumstances.

The Board shall meet at least four times per year. Additional meetings may be scheduled as necessary or appropriate in light of circumstances. The Chairman of the Board, assisted by the CEO, the Secretary and/or other members of management of the Company as requested by the Chairman of the Board, shall prepare an annual schedule of meetings for the Board and the standing committees. In addition, the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board, assisted by the Chief Financial Officer, the Senior Director of Accounting and/or other accounting/financial personnel of the Company as requested by the Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board, shall assist with preparing the schedule of meetings for the Audit Committee of the Board. To the extent practicable, the schedule shall reflect agenda subjects that are generally of a recurring nature and are expected to be discussed during the year in question.

The Chairman of the Board, together with the CEO, shall establish the agenda for each Board meeting. Each Board member is invited to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda. The Board shall review the Company's long-term strategic plans and the principal issues that the Company will face in the future during at least one Board meeting each year.

The non-management directors shall meet in executive session without management participation at least quarterly. If the non-management directors include directors who are not independent, the independent directors shall meet separately in executive session at least once a year. The directors who so meet in executive sessions shall not constitute a committee of the Board and therefore shall not take action at such executive sessions, although the participating directors may make recommendations for consideration by the full Board. These executive sessions shall be chaired by an independent director designated by the Board or, in the absence of such a designation by the Board, by the chairman of the Audit Committee of the Board (the "**Lead Director**"). The Lead Director is responsible for preparing an agenda for these meetings in executive sessions. The name of the Lead Director shall be disclosed in the Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K (its "**Annual Report**").

Interested parties may communicate directly with the independent directors by submitting a communication in an envelope marked “Confidential” addressed to the “Independent Members of the Board of Directors” in care of the Secretary of the Company at:

Westmoreland Resources GP, LLC
9540 South Maroon Circle, Suite 200
Englewood, Colorado 80112

The Partnership shall disclose in its Annual Report this method by which interested parties may communicate with the independent directors.

The Board believes that management should speak for the Company. Individual Board members may, from time to time, meet or otherwise communicate with various constituencies that are involved with the Company. However, it is expected that Board members would do this with the knowledge of management and, absent unusual circumstances or as contemplated by the charters of the committees of the Board, only at the request of management.

3. Director Access to Officers, Employees and Other Advisors

Directors have full and free access to officers and any employees of the Company. Any meetings or contacts that a director wishes to initiate may be arranged through the CEO or made directly by the director. The directors shall use their judgment to ensure that any such contact is not disruptive to the business operations of the Company and shall, to the extent not inappropriate, copy the CEO on any written communications (including e-mail) between a director and an officer or employee of the Company. The Board also welcomes regular attendance at each Board meeting by senior officers of the Company. To the extent they consider it necessary and appropriate, directors also shall have access to the Company’s independent advisors using the same procedures.

4. Director Compensation

The Board, or a committee convened by the Board for such purpose, shall determine the compensation of the Board. Directors who are employees of the Company shall not be separately compensated for their services as directors. The Board shall consider that directors’ independence may be jeopardized if director compensation and perquisites exceed customary levels, if the Company makes substantial charitable contributions to organizations with which a director is affiliated, or if the Company enters into consulting contracts with or provides other indirect forms of compensation to a director or an organization with which a director is affiliated.

5. Director Minimum Equity Ownership Requirement

Each non-employee director shall own equity of the Partnership in such a manner that demonstrates an interest in the long term performance of the Partnership. This requirement shall be deemed fulfilled upon the non-employee director owning the equivalent of 1.5 times his or her base annual retainer, as it stands at such time, in publicly traded common units. Progress toward the ownership requirement will be calculated annually on the first of January using a twelve month trailing average unit price. Common units acquired by non-employee directors prior to the

implementation of these Guidelines shall be weighted using such units' trading price at close on the date of acquisition. Non-employee directors shall achieve compliance with this ownership requirement before the fourth such annual compliance calculation of his or her tenure or from the date of adoption of these Guidelines, whichever is later. Upon achieving compliance, the non-employee director shall not fall out of compliance by a change in unit price as long as the non-employee director retains the minimum number of units that brought him or her into compliance.

6. Director Orientation and Continuing Education

Each new director shall participate in an orientation program, which shall be conducted promptly after his or her initial election or appointment. This orientation shall include presentations by senior management to familiarize new directors with the Company's operations, its significant financial, accounting and risk management issues, its compliance programs, its Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, its principal officers, and its internal and independent auditors. Other directors are also welcome to attend any of these orientation programs. The Board believes it is appropriate for directors, at their discretion, to have access to educational programs related to their duties as directors on an ongoing basis to enable them to better perform their duties and to recognize and deal appropriately with issues that arise. The Company shall provide appropriate funding for any such program in which a director wishes to participate.

7. CEO Evaluation; Management Succession

The Board shall conduct an annual review of the CEO's performance and shall identify and periodically update the qualities and characteristics necessary for an effective CEO. The Board recognizes that advance planning for contingencies such as the departure, death or disability of the CEO or other top executives is also critical so that, in the event of an untimely vacancy, the Company has in place an emergency succession plan to facilitate the transition to both interim and longer-term leadership. The designation of the CEO, as in the case of other officers, is a decision for the Board.

8. Annual Performance Evaluation

The Board shall conduct an annual self-evaluation to determine whether it and its committees are functioning effectively.

9. Posting Requirement

The Partnership shall post these Guidelines on the Partnership's website as required by applicable rules and regulations. In addition, the Partnership shall disclose in its Annual Report that a copy of these Guidelines is available on the Partnership's website.