



1000 – 885 Dunsmuir Street
Vancouver, B.C. V6C 1N5
Phone 604-608-2692
info@westerncoal.com
www.westerncoal.com

News Release

Western Coal Supports Japan's Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Efforts

Vancouver, BC, March 31, 2011 - Western Coal Corp. (TSX: WTN, WTN.WT and AIM: WTN) (the "Company" or "Western") announces today its support to the relief efforts following the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan with a donation of \$100,000 to the Canadian Red Cross.

Keith Calder, president and chief executive officer of Western said, "We have a close relationship with Japan and as such offer our support for the relief efforts with this donation. On behalf of all the employees at Western Coal, our thoughts are with all those who have been affected by this terrible disaster."

About Western Coal

Western Coal is a producer of high quality metallurgical coal from three mines in northeast British Columbia (Canada), high quality metallurgical coal and compliant thermal coal from four mines located in West Virginia (USA), and high quality anthracite and metallurgical coal in South Wales (UK). 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

For further information:

David Jan
Head of Investor Relations
+1 604 694 2891
David.jan@westerncoal.com