



Media Release

Western Coal announces \$500,000 donation to STARS

Vancouver, BC, February 23, 2011 – Western Coal Corp today announced a five-year, \$500,000 commitment to the Shock Trauma Air Rescue Society (STARS). Mr. Keith Calder, President and Chief Executive Officer of Western Coal, is presenting a cheque to STARS Grande Prairie Base Major Gifts Manager Glenda Farnden in the community of Tumbler Ridge on February 23, 2011.

“In December 2010, the STARS team helped save the life of a Western Coal employee by providing emergency helicopter transport,” said Mr. Calder. “This was the first time we saw the STARS team in action, and we learned firsthand about the important service it provides.”

“The health and safety of our employees is a top priority for Western Coal. STARS’ service provides an additional layer of assistance for our employees, their families and the communities in which we operate in Northeastern British Columbia,” continued Calder.

In 2010, STARS flew 1,453 missions carrying critically ill or injured patients from communities in Alberta and eastern BC. The donation, to be paid in \$100,000 installments over a five-year period, makes Western Coal a significant donor for STARS.

“Western Coal’s donation enables STARS to continue to provide high-quality and rapid emergency medical care and transportation to the critically ill and injured,” said Dr. Greg Powell, President and CEO of STARS. “We thank Western Coal for its donation which will help us continue our work.”

STARS is a charitable non-profit organization that has responded to more than 20,300 emergencies since it began in 1985. STARS provides service 24 hours a day, seven days a week from bases in Calgary, Edmonton and Grande Prairie. STARS unique model of community, corporate and government support allows us to continue innovating excellence in patient care.

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. More information can be found at www.westerncoal.com

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