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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
RICHMOND DIVISION**

In re:

JAMES RIVER COAL COMPANY, *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 14-31848 (KRH)

(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF SELECTION OF SUCCESSFUL BID

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

1. On May 9, 2014, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia entered an Order (i) Approving the Strategic Transaction Bidding Procedures, (ii) Scheduling Bid Deadlines and the Auction, (iii) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and (iv) Granting Related Relief [ECF No. 254] (the “**Strategic Transaction Bidding Procedures Order**”).²

2. On August 18-20, 2014, in accordance with the Strategic Transaction Bidding Procedures, the Debtors conducted an Auction at the office of counsel to the Debtors, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

¹ The Debtors, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are listed on Schedule 1 attached hereto.

² Unless otherwise defined herein, each capitalized term shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Strategic Transaction Bidding Procedures Order.

3. Pursuant to the Strategic Transaction Bidding Procedures, upon the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors, in consultation with the DIP Agent and the UCC, selected a bid submitted by the Stalking Horse Bidder, JR Acquisition, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Blackhawk Mining LLC, as the Successful Bid. The Successful Bid is for the purchase of the Debtors' mining complexes commonly referred to as the Hampden Complex (including the assets of Debtor Logan & Kanawha Coal Company, LLC), the Hazard Complex (other than the assets of Debtor Laurel Mountain Resources LLC) and the Triad Complex for an aggregate purchase price of \$52,000,000 plus the assumption of certain liabilities.

4. A hearing to consider approval of the Successful Bid is scheduled for **August 26, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)**, to be held before the Honorable Kevin R. Huennekens, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 701 East Broad Street, Room 5000, Richmond, Virginia 23219. A revised version of the asset purchase agreement contemplated by the Stalking Horse Bid will be filed in advance of the Sale Hearing.

Dated: August 21, 2014
Richmond, Virginia

Respectfully submitted,

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SCHEDULE 1
(Debtor Entities)

1. James River Coal Company (2012)
2. BDCC Holding Company, Inc. (3200)
3. Bell County Coal Corporation (0806)
4. Bledsoe Coal Corporation (4821)
5. Bledsoe Coal Leasing Company (6654)
6. Blue Diamond Coal Company (3812)
7. Buck Branch Resources LLC (1459)
8. Chafin Branch Coal Company, LLC (7873)
9. Eolia Resources, Inc. (0587)
10. Hampden Coal Company, LLC (4334)
11. International Resource Partners LP (8669)
12. International Resources Holdings I LLC (9838)
13. International Resources Holdings II LLC (1567)
14. International Resources, LLC (2522)
15. IRP GP Holdco LLC (5380)
16. IRP Kentucky LLC (1454)
17. IRP LP Holdco Inc. (4447)
18. IRP WV Corp. (6050)
19. James River Coal Sales, Inc. (3417)
20. James River Coal Service Company (2577)
21. James River Escrow Inc. (0314)
22. Jellico Mining, LLC (4545)
23. Johns Creek Coal Company (9412)
24. Johns Creek Elkhorn Coal Corporation (9199)
25. Johns Creek Processing Company (4021)
26. Laurel Mountain Resources LLC (1458)
27. Leeco, Inc. (4176)
28. Logan & Kanawha Coal Co., LLC (5716)
29. McCoy Elkhorn Coal Corporation (8373)
30. Rockhouse Creek Development, LLC (9583)
31. Shamrock Coal Company, Incorporated (1843)
32. Snap Creek Mining, LLC (6858)
33. Triad Mining Inc. (9005)
34. Triad Underground Mining, LLC (9041)