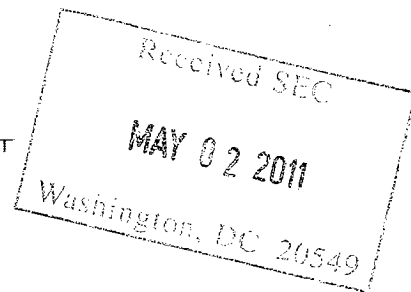




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Ms. Cecile Peters
Chief, IT Services
Division of Corporation Finance
U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20549

Dear Ms. Peters:

This is to certify that on April 29, 2011 The Nasdaq Stock Market (the "Exchange") received from Westmoreland Coal Company (the "Registrant") a copy of the Registrant's application on Form 8-A 12(b) for the registration of the following securities:

Common Stock, \$2.50 par value

Depository Shares, each representing one-quarter of a share of Series A Convertible Exchangeable Preferred Stock

We further certify that the security described above has been approved by the Exchange for listing and registration.

We understand that the Registrant is seeking immediate acceleration of the effective date of registration, and we hereby join in such request.

Sincerely,

William Slattery