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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION., et al., Debtors.

Chapter 11 Cases Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

(Jointly Administered)

RUDD EQUIPMENT COMPANY'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER COMPELLING DEBTORS PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION AND GRAND EAGLE MINING, LLC TO ASSUME OR REJECT EXECUTORY CONTRACT PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 365 AND/OR LIFTING THE AUTOMATIC STAY TO COMPEL DEBTORS TO TURNOVER LEASED EQUIPMENT

Rudd Equipment Company ("Rudd") by and through its undersigned counsel, respectfully represents:

REQUESTED RELIEF

By this motion, Rudd seeks entry of an Order: (i) compelling debtors

Patriot Coal Corporation and Grand Eagle Mining, LLC to assume or reject executory

contracts pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365; and/or (ii) lifting the automatic stay to compel the aforementioned debtors to turnover equipment that Rudd rented to them.

JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Consideration of this Motion is a "core" proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d).

BACKGROUND

- 2. On July 9, 2012 (the "Petition Date"), debtor Patriot Coal Corporation ("Patriot") and certain affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors") filed their respective voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in this Court. The Debtors continue to operate their respective businesses and manage their respective assets as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. The Debtors' cases are being jointly administered by the Court pursuant to this Court's Joint Administration Order dated July 10, 2012 [Docket No. 30].
- 4. Rudd, Patriot and debtor Grand Eagle Mining, LLC ("Grand Eagle") are parties to two Rudd Equipment Company Rental Agreements dated September 2011 (the "Equipment Contracts"). See Certification of Corey Niemeier ("Niemeier Cert.") ¶ 2 and attached Exs. A and B.

- 5. Pursuant to the Equipment Contracts, Rudd rented two Euclid-Hitachi Rigid Haulers (Serial Nos. 8R6BAN001011 and 8R6BAN001013) (the "Equipment")¹ to Patriot and Grand Eagle for a minimum rental term of six months commencing on September 12, 2011 and an indefinite maximum rental period. See Niemeier Cert. ¶3 and Ex. A, §3; Ex. B, §3. Under the terms of the Equipment Contracts, Patriot and Grand Eagle are obligated to make monthly payments to Rudd of \$78,000. for the continued use of the Equipment (one \$39,000. payment under each Equipment Contract). See id.
- 6. Pursuant to the terms of the Equipment Contracts, Patriot or Grand Eagle's violation of any of the Contracts' provisions constitutes an Event of Default, including without limitation any failure to make the monthly payments of \$78,000. to Rudd. See Niemeier Cert. ¶ 4 and Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10.
- 7. The Equipment Contracts further provide, among other things, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, Rudd may enter Patriot and Grand Eagle's premises and take possession of the Equipment without notice to Patriot and Grand Eagle.

 See Niemeier Cert. ¶ 5 and Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10. Moreover, the Equipment Contracts provide that Patriot and Grand Eagle shall be liable for all costs associated with the return of the Equipment. See Niemeier Cert. ¶ 5 and Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10.
- 8. Patriot and Grand Eagle defaulted on their obligations under the Equipment Contracts by failing to make the required monthly payments under each

Rudd is the owner of the Equipment. See Niemeier Cert. ¶ 2.

contract in May 2012 (the "Default Date"). <u>See</u> Niemeier Cert. ¶ 6. On the Petition Date, Patriot and Grand Eagle were indebted to Rudd for four (4) delinquent monthly-payments (two (2) payments under each Equipment Contract) totaling \$156,000. <u>See id.</u>

- 9. Notwithstanding Patriot and Grand Eagle's defaults under the Equipment Contracts, Patriot and Grand Eagle continue to possess the Equipment. See Niemeier Cert. ¶ 7.
- 10. For the reasons set forth below, Patriot and Grand Eagle should not be allowed continued use of the Equipment, unless and until the Equipment Contracts are assumed by Patriot and Grand Eagle pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

DISCUSSION

A. This Court Should Establish a Deadline for Patriot and Grand Eagle to Assume or Reject the Equipment Contracts

- 11. Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor, "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any unexpired lease of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a).
- 12. Section 365(d)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that upon request of any party to an executory contract or unexpired lease, the court may order the debtor to determine within a specified period of time to assume or reject such contract or lease. 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(2). What constitutes a reasonable time is left to the Bankruptcy Court's discretion in light of the circumstances of each case. Theatre Holding Corp. v. Mauro, 681 F.2d 102, 105 (2d Cir. 1982). See, e.g., In re Merchants Plaza, Inc., 35 B.R.

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888, 894 (Bankr. D. Tenn. 1983) (15 days); <u>In re Will</u>, 33 B.R. 843, 843 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 1983) (30 days).

- 13. The purpose of section 365(d)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code is to "prevent parties in contractual or lease relationships with the debtor from being left in doubt concerning their status vis-à-vis the estate." See H.R. REP. No. 95-595, 95th Cong. 1st Sess. 348-49 (1977).
- 14. In exercising its discretion and determining what constitutes reasonable time within which the debtor should act, a court should consider several factors, including: (i) the nature of the interests at stake, (ii) the balance of harm to the litigants, (iii) the good to be achieved, (iv) the safeguards afforded the parties, and (v) "whether the action to be taken is so in derogation of Congress' scheme that the court may be said to be arbitrary." Matter of Dunes Casino Hotel, 63 B.R. 939, 949 (D.N.J. 1986) (quoting In re GHR Energy Corp., 41 B.R. 668, 676 (Bankr. D. Mass. 1984) and In re Midtown Skating Corp., 3 B.R. 194, 198 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1980)). See also In re Mayer Pollock Steel Corp., 157 B.R. 952, 965 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1993); In re Lionel Corp., 23 B.R. 224, 225 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1982) (in fixing a date for the assumption or rejection of a lease after the expiration of a reasonable time, a court must review the particular circumstances before it). Application of each of the foregoing factors to the instant case militates in favor of granting Rudd's Motion.

1. Nature of the Interests

15. Rudd is the owner of the Equipment. The Equipment Contracts provide for Debtors Patriot and Grand Eagle continued rental of the Equipment, provided that they make the required monthly payments. As Debtors Patriot and Grand Eagle are now in breach of Equipment Contracts because of their failure to make pre-petition contractual monthly payments, their continued possession and use of the Equipment is wrongful. Indeed, under the Equipment Contracts, Rudd is entitled to seek return of the Equipment immediately.

2. Balance of Harm to Litigants

because they failed to make pre-petition monthly payments under the Equipment Contracts. Because of these material defaults, they no longer have a contractual right to possess or use the Equipment. Thus, Patriot and Grand Eagle are not harmed if the Court compelled them to decide whether to assume or reject the Equipment Contracts. Conversely, Rudd continues to be harmed every month that Patriot and Grand Eagle possess and use the Equipment without payment. Indeed, as Patriot and Grand Eagle continue to wrongfully possess the equipment, Rudd is unable to now market the Equipment to other customers who would pay for use of the Equipment.

3. <u>Safeguards Afforded the Parties</u>

17. At present, Debtors Patriot and Grand Eagle have provided no safeguards to Rudd to assure payment for their continued post-petition use of the

Equipment. In addition, Patriot and Grand Eagle have not acknowledged whether they intend to assume or reject the Equipment Contracts. Moreover, Patriot and Grand Eagle have given Rudd no indication of whether or not they intend to return the Equipment to Rudd. Indeed, according to local news reports (see Niemeier Cert., Ex. C), debtors plan to close the mining facility where the Equipment is located. With the impending closure of this facility, Rudd has a specific concern that the Debtors may not properly maintain and preserve the Equipment until Rudd is able to recover it, with this Court's permission.

18. For each of the above-mentioned reasons, the Court should enter an Order establishing a deadline by which Patriot and Grand Eagle must assume or reject the Equipment Contracts.

B. The Automatic Stay Should Be Lifted If the Equipment Contracts Are Not Deemed to Be Executory Contracts

- 19. Section 362(d)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides in pertinent part that the Court shall grant relief from the stay imposed by Section 362(a) "for cause." The determination of whether cause exists to permit a movant to proceed with a prior action is left to the court's discretion and is to be made based on the facts of the case. Laguna Assocs. Ltd v. Aetna Cas. & Sur. Co., 30 F.3d 734, 737 (6th Cir. 1994). The party opposing relief from the stay bears the burden of proof on all issues except for the debtor's equity in property. 11 U.S.C. § 362(g).
- 20. In determining whether cause exists, most courts "balance the hardship to the creditor, if he is not allowed to proceed with his lawsuit, against potential prejudice to the debtor, debtor's estate and other creditors." In re R.J. Groover Constr.,

LLC, 411 B.R. 460, 463-64 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 2008). In carrying out this balancing test, courts have considered numerous factors, including:

- Whether relief would result in a partial or complete resolution of the issues;
- The lack of any connection with or interference with the bankruptcy case; and
- The impact of the stay on the parties and the balance of harms.

In re New York Medical Group, P.C., 265 B.R. 408, 413 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2001)²; see also Sonnax Industries Inc. v. Tri Component Production Corp. (In re Sonnax Industries, Inc.), 907 F.2d 1280, 1286 (2d Cir. 1990); Goya Foods, Inc. v. Unanue-Casal, (In re Unanue-Casal), 159 B.R. 90, 96 (D.P.R. 1993) aff'd 23 F.3d 395 (1st Cir. 1994); In re Busch, 294 B.R. 137, 141 n.4 (10th Cir. B.A.P. 2003); In re Curtis, 40 B.R. 795, 799-800 (Bankr. D. Utah 1984). Instead of giving equal weight to each factor, courts instead consider those factors that are relevant to a particular case. In re Mazzeo, 167 F.3d 139, 143 (2d Cir. 1999). Here, if the Equipment Contracts are not deemed to be executory contracts, the Court should lift the automatic stay based upon several of the above-mentioned factors.

1. <u>Lifting the Automatic Stay Would Resolve All Issues</u>

21. Under the Equipment Contracts, upon default Rudd has the right to enter Patriot and Grand Eagle's premises and take possession of the Equipment without notice to Patriot and Grand Eagle. If the automatic stay were lifted and Rudd repossessed

The additional factors listed in <u>New York Medical Group</u> are not listed, as they are inapplicable.

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the Equipment, then all issues between Rudd and Patriot and Grand Eagle would be resolved, with the exception of resolving Rudd's proofs of claim, and payment of any remaining unpaid post-petition invoices.

- 2. Lifting the Automatic Stay Would Not Interfere with the Debtors Bankruptcy Cases
- 22. Rudd only seeks the return of the Equipment pursuant to the Equipment Contracts. The Equipment is not rare or unique. As such, Debtors Patriot and Grand Eagle should be able to rent haulers to replace the Equipment will little or no affect upon the Debtors' continued operations. Moreover, as the Debtors apparently plan to close the mining facility where the Debtors use the Equipment (see ¶ 17 above), it is likely that the Debtors will not need to rent haulers to replace Rudd's Equipment. Thus, lifting the automatic stay and compelling Patriot and Grand Eagle to turn-over the equipment would not interfere with the Debtors' bankruptcy cases.

3. A Balancing of the Harms Favors Lifting the Automatic Stay

23. As set forth above, if Patriot and Grand Eagle were compelled to return the Equipment to Rudd, the Debtors would be able to rent other haulers from another company. Thus, there would be little or no harm to Debtors, if Rudd's motion to lift the automatic stay were granted and Patriot and Grand Eagle were compelled to turnover the Equipment. Indeed, as the Debtors apparently plan to close the mining facility where the Debtors use the Equipment, it is likely the Debtors will not need to rent replacement haulers. Conversely, Rudd continues to be harmed each month that Debtors continue to possess and use the Equipment without payment.

24. For each of the above-mentioned reasons, if the Equipment Contracts are not deemed to be executory contracts, this Court should lift the automatic stay and compel Debtors Patriot and Grand Eagle to turn-over the Equipment.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

25. No prior request has been made for the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, Rudd respectfully requests that the Court: (i) enter the proposed Order (attached as Exhibit 1) establishing a deadline by which Patriot and Grand Eagle must assume or reject the Equipment Contracts; or (ii) if the Equipment Contracts are not deemed to be executory contracts, to enter an Order lifting the automatic stay and compelling Debtors to return the Equipment to Rudd; and (iii) granting such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just in this matter.

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Corey Niemeier, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and under the penalties of perjury, declares:

- 1. I am Manager of Credit and Insurance for Rudd Equipment Company ("Rudd"). I make this certification based upon my review of information maintained by Rudd and my knowledge of particular Rudd practices and procedures.
- 2. Rudd, Patriot Coal Corporation ("Patriot") and debtor Grand Eagle

 Mining, LLC ("Grand Eagle") are parties to two Rudd Equipment Company Rental

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Agreements dated September 2011 (the "Equipment Contracts"). Rudd is the owner of the Equipment. Copies of the Equipment Contracts are attached hereto as **Exhibits A** and **B**, respectively.

- 3. Pursuant to the Equipment Contracts, Rudd rented two Euclid-Hitachi Rigid Haulers (Serial Nos. 8R6BAN001011 and 8R6BAN001013) (the "Equipment") to Patriot and Grand Eagle for a minimum rental term of six months commencing on September 12, 2011 and an indefinite maximum rental period. See Ex. A, § 3; Ex. B, § 3. Under the terms of the Equipment Contracts, Patriot and Grand Eagle are obligated to make monthly payments to Rudd of \$78,000. for the continued use of the Equipment (one \$39,000. payment under each Equipment Contract).
- 4. Pursuant to the terms of the Equipment Contracts, Patriot or Grand Eagle's violation of any of the Contracts' provisions constitutes an Event of Default, including without limitation any failure to make the monthly payments of \$78,000. to Rudd. See Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10.
- 5. The Equipment Contracts further provide, among other things, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, Rudd may enter Patriot and Grand Eagle's premises and take possession of the Equipment without notice to Patriot and Grand Eagle.

 See Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10. Moreover, the Equipment Contracts provide that Patriot and Grand Eagle shall be liable for all costs associated with the return of the Equipment. See Ex. A, § 10; Ex. B, § 10.

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6. Patriot and Grand Eagle defaulted on their obligations under the

Equipment Contracts by failing to make the required monthly payments under each

contract in May 2012 (the "Default Date"). On the Petition Date, Patriot and Grand Eagle

were indebted to Rudd for four (4) delinquent monthly-payments (two (2) payments under

each Equipment Contract) totaling \$156,000.

7. Notwithstanding Patriot and Grand Eagle's defaults under the

Equipment Contracts, Patriot and Grand Eagle continue to possess the Equipment.

8. Copies of news articles discussing the Debtors' plans to close

mining facilities where Rudd believes the Equipment is located and used are attached

hereto as Exhibit C.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and

correct.

Dated: November 29, 2012

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EXHIBIT A

RUDD EQUIPMENT COMPANY - RENTAL AGREEMENT

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THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT is made by and between RUDD EQUIPMENT CO	MPANY (hereinafter RUDD') and Patriot Coal Corpo	rat:
Grand Eagle Surface Mining, P. O. Box 66823,		
The parties agree as follows: 1. GRANT. Subject to the terms set out below, RUDD rents to CUSTOMER, and CUSTOMER rents from RUDD, all machinery, equipment and other property described in paragraph 2, including all component parts and accessory froms (the "Equipment"). 2. SCHEDULE OF EQUIPMENT.		
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3. SCHEDULE OF TERMS:	Via: Best Way	
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9. RUDD'S OBLIGATIONS.

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EXHIBIT B

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Courier & Press

Local

Saturday, November 3, 2012



Patriot will close Bluegrass

■ Surface mine may be a victim of falling demand

By Chuck Stinnett Scripps newspapers

Patriot Coal Corp., which last summer closed its Freedom underground mine in eastern Henderson County, Ky., plans now to also close its 89-employee surface mine near Hebbardsville.

The struggling St. Louis-based company said the Bluegrass Mine Complex will close by the end of the

Approximately 196 people lost their jobs when Freedom closed.

The Bluegrass complex includes the Patriot Surface Mine, which is expected to produce approximately 1.2 million tons of thermal coal this year, and the Grand Eagle Preparation Plant.

"Reclamation work will continue as the site is restored to meet regulatory requirements," the company said in an announcement early Thursday evening.

Patriot didn't cite a reason for the closure, and a

spokesman said the company had no further comment.

When Patriot announced plans in April to close the Freedom Mine, it cited weakness in market demand for coal. Demand has been hurt by falling natural gas prices and the unusually mild weather last winter that left large inventories of unused coal at power plants.

Patriot last spring also cited "challenging environmental regulations affecting the cost of pro-

ducing and using coal, and weaker international and domestic economies."

The company continues to operate the Highland and Dodge Hill underground mines in Union County as well as several mines in West Virginia.

After losing nearly \$239 million over a 27-month period, Patriot filed for Chapter II bankruptcy reorganization in July, saying it would seek a financial restructuring.

The United Mine Workers of America has

accused Peabody Energy Corp. of having created an unsustainable company when it spun off Patriot as a separate entity in 2007 and left it responsible for pension and health care costs for 6,036 retired miners, spouses and dependents from former Peabody Coal mines in the eastern U.S.

a federal class-action lawsuit in West Virginia against Peabody Energy and another company, Arch Coal, seeking to hold them responsible for the health and pension benefits of retirees.

Officials: Peeping case still brewing

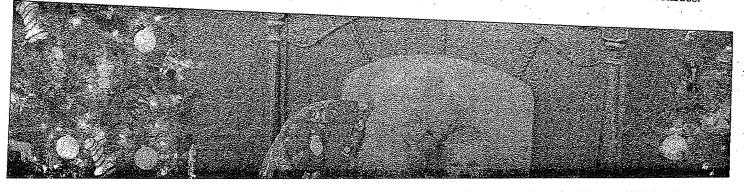
By Richard Gootee gooteer@courierpress.com

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It's been month since The UMWA has filed Andrew Emmons resigned from his position as a Boonville Middle School science teacher following his September arrest on a preliminary charge of voyeurism after a camera was found inside a faculty restroom at the school.

But Emmons still faces no formal charges stemming from the incident and the subsequent investigation, which revealed he is suspected of filming multiple people without their consent, according to authorities.

Emmons, 30, was a science teacher when he resigned his teaching position on Oct. 4, though



MINES

Patriot to shut Bluegrass complex; Alpha closes Still House Branch

Eastern US producer Patriot Coal plans to shut its Bluegrass thermal coal mine complex in western Kentucky by the end of 2012, the company said Thursday.

Bluegrass, which currently employs about 89 people, includes the Patriot Surface Mine, which is expected to produce about 1.2 million st of thermal coal in 2012, and the Grand Eagle Preparation Plant, both in Henderson County, Kentucky.

The St. Louis, Missouri-based company, which entered Chapter 11 bankruptcy reorganization in July, did not give a reason for the planned idlings.

But Patriot said in its third-quarter earnings results, released Tuesday, it has been shutting production, particularly metallurgical coal production, due to weakened demand (PCT 11/1).

Fellow Kentucky miner, Alpha Natural Resources has closed the Still House Branch steam coal mine in Harlan County, Kentucky.

The move will cost the jobs of 40 miners while another 40 will be transferred to Alpha's other mines in the area.

Rick Nida, spokesman for the Bristol, Virginia-based company, said Thursday that Alpha has started to execute a plan unveiled in October to shut some 10 metallurgical and steam coal mines. Still House Branch, which closed on October 29, was among the first to go down.

"Between now and the first of 2013, we'll have several mine closures and production curtailments with the idea that we'll decrease production by a certain number of tons, about 16 million tons, about half in the East and half in the West," Nida said.

He blamed the mine's shutdown on economic reasons. Some US power plants have been burning less coal because of low natural gas prices and more stringent pollution control rules. The mild winter of 2011-12 also led to large coal inventories at many plants that, while since reduced, have not been totally drawn down.

The US Mine Safety and Health Administration shows no listing for Still House Branch. MSHA lists, however, a

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Stillhouse No. 1 mine in Harlan County that is owned by Alpha. That mine produced 348,749 short tons of coal in the first three quarters of 2012 and 596,499 st in 2011.

- Steve Hooks, Bob Matyi

SUPPLIERS

Alliance Q3 earnings down, eschewing metallurgical coal

Despite record coal sales and production in the third quarter, Alliance Resource Partners said its Q3 earnings dropped, largely because of the August 29 idling of the Pontiki underground mine in Martin County, Kentucky.

Although never a big metallurgical coal producer, the Tulsa, Oklahoma-based company is staying out of the met market until prices improve appreciably, company officials said during an October 26 earnings call.

For Q3, Alliance earned \$60.5 million, down from \$104.1 million a year ago. Joseph Craft III, Alliance president and CEO, blamed \$24.1 million in losses and charges on Pontiki's idling after the US Mine Safety and Health Administration cited a failure of a belt line between two coal stacking tubes.

"At Pontiki, we expect repairs will begin shortly and be completed by the end of the year to resume production," he said.

Craft said Alliance produced 9 million short tons in the latest quarter and recorded coal sales exceeding 8.9 million st.

The record coal volumes drove the company's coal sales revenues to \$499 million in the quarter, a 5.3% increase from Q3 2011.

Much of the increase was credited to the new Tunnel Ridge longwall mine in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and Ohio County, West Virginia. The steam coal mine continues to ramp up to its eventual peak of 6.5 million st a year. The company also cited increases at the Onton underground mine in Hopkins County, Kentucky, it acquired earlier this year.

Alliance now expects to produce 34 million to 39 million st in 2012, Craft said. Essentially all of Alliance's coal is sold for 2012 and more than 95% is committed and priced for 2013.

Construction continues, meanwhile, at the new Gibson South underground mine and White Oak No. 1 longwall mine in Gibson County, Indiana, and Hamilton County, Illinois, respectively. Gibson South is targeted to start production in the fourth quarter of 2014 or early 2015. Initial output at White Oak could commence next year, with the bulk of production coming in 2014 and 2015.

Craft, in response to an analyst's question, said Alliance "will not be participating in the met market definitely in the fourth quarter and most likely in the first and even the sec12-12900-scc Doc 1646-5 Filed 11/29/12 Entered 11/29/12 17:19:32 Proposed order Pg 1 of 2

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION., et al., Debtors.

Chapter 11 Cases Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

(Jointly Administered)

[PROPOSED] ORDER MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER COMPELLING DEBTORS PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION AND GRAND EAGLE MINING, LLC TO ASSUME OR REJECT RUDD EQUIPMENT COMPANY'S EXECUTORY CONTRACTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C § 365(d)(2)

Upon the accompanying Motion of party in interest Rudd Equipment Company ("Rudd") for an Order, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(d)(2), establishing a deadline by which Patriot Coal Corporation and Grand Eagle Mining, LLC must assume or reject two Rudd Equipment Company – Rental Agreements dated September 2011 (the "Equipment Contracts") and granting such other and further relief as this Court may deem proper; and after due deliberation, and for good cause shown, it is

ORDERED that Debtors' are directed to assume or reject the Equipment Contracts pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365 on or before _______, 201_; and it is further

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ORDERED that if Debtors' reject the Equipment Contracts, the automatic stay
shall be lifted pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362 to direct Debtors' to return the equipment leased
pursuant to the Equipment Contracts.

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