

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,

Debtors.

**Chapter 11
Case No. 12-51502-659
(Jointly Administered)**

**SECOND MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FEES AND EXPENSES OF VERITAS
CONSULTING, LLC, AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS FOR THE
PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2013 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2013**

Veritas Consulting, LLC (“Veritas”) as special counsel of Patriot Coal Corporation and debtors-in-possession (the “Debtors” or the “Company”) in the above-entitled Chapter 11 case, submits this second statement (the “Monthly Statement”) of fees and expenses for the period October 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 in accordance with the Order to Establish Procedures for Interim Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals, entered August 2, 2012 [Docket No. 262] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

Veritas’ fees in this case are earned at a flat rate of \$33,333.00 per month. Total Veritas fees for this period were \$33,333.00, reflecting the full month of October. Veritas’ expenses for this period were \$6,567.70 (limited to airfare, airport transportation and lodging).

Payment now sought by the Statement is fees of \$26,666.40 (80% of the fees above) and expenses of \$6,567.70. A copy of the invoice (with a summary of expenses) is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”.

Although every effort has been made to include all fees and expenses from this period in this Monthly Statement, some expenses from this period might not be included in the Monthly Statement due to delays caused by accounting and processing procedures. Veritas reserves the right to seek such additional expenses in subsequent fee applications.

In support of the Monthly Statement, Veritas states as follows:

1. The Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on July 9, 2012, and are operating their businesses and managing their affairs as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108.
2. On or about July 17, 2013, Debtors filed their motion to employ Veritas as their special counsel to provide services on the basis of compensation at a flat rate of \$33,333.00 per month (the "Monthly Fees"), commencing on August 15, 2013, and reimbursement of certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred and paid by Veritas in connection with such services.
3. On July 26, 2013, the Honorable Kathy A. Surratt-States of the Eastern District of Missouri entered an order approving Veritas' retention effective August 15, 2013 (the "Retention Order").
4. Veritas and its principal have extensive expertise and experience in providing counsel in complex regulatory and legal matters. Veritas and/or its principal has provided advice and counsel regarding selenium issues and related litigation and compliance matters since 2006, and are well acquainted with and have developed extensive experience regarding various court orders,

consent decrees and compliance strategies. Veritas' efforts have been instrumental in obtaining a critical settlement and implementation thereof.

5. During this period, Veritas' principal, Richard Verheij, has performed substantial services on behalf of the Debtors.
6. Veritas was retained by the Debtors to provide advice and counsel in connection with: (1) selenium related litigation, including various court orders and consent decrees, (2) working with engineering firms to identify and develop alternative selenium treatment systems, (3) obtaining approval from court-appointed Special Master for treatment systems to achieve compliance with court-ordered deadlines, and (4) negotiating key settlements and consent decrees with environmental non-governmental groups and implementation thereof.
7. Veritas is compensated on a flat monthly fee basis (not hourly). However, for informational purposes, and consistent with the terms of the Retention Order, attached hereto as Exhibit "B" is a summary of the estimated hours worked during this period categorized by activity.
8. All of the services for which compensation is requested herein were performed on behalf of the Debtors in the above-entitled case and not on behalf of any other person or entity.

Dated at Charleston, West Virginia this 25th day of November 2013.

/s/ Richard Verheij
Veritas Consulting, LLC
Special Counsel for the Debtors
By: Richard Verheij
Principal

**Exhibit A:
Billing Summary**

November 13, 2013

Patriot Coal Corporation
12312 Olive Boulevard
St. Louis, Missouri 63141

Professional Fees:

Retainer Fee for the Period October 1-October 31, 2013:	\$33,333.00	
Less 20% Holdback:	<u>(6,666.60)</u>	
Net Professional Fees Due:		\$26,666.40

Out-of-pocket expenses:

Airfare (all economy)	\$ 4337.20	
Lodging	2092.50	
Ground transportation (airport bus)	<u>138.00</u>	
Subtotal expenses:		<u>\$ 6,567.70</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND PAYABLE:		<u>\$33,234.10</u>

**Exhibit B:
Detailed Hours Summary**

October 1-October 31, 2013

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Hours</u>
10-1	Review/edit iron facilitated Category II/III certification	3.00
	Review/edit environmental training presentation	1.40
10-2	Finalize/submit Category II/III certification	2.50
	Review/edit environmental training presentation	1.20
10-3	Review October Board presentation	.80
	Conference with Special Master regarding Apogee	1.00
10-7	Environmental management system training	5.00
	Review Hobet monthly status report	.70
	Review status of Apogee violation notice	.50
10-8	Conference regarding Hobet Special Master review	.60
	Review Apogee monthly status report	.50
	Review Hobet monthly status report	.50
	Review final October Board presentation	.30
10-9	Review internal environmental audit	2.70
10-10	Conference regarding landowner issues	.70
	Edit outline regarding landowner issues	1.50
	Review biochemical reactor cost templates	2.10
10-11	Conference regarding landowner issues	1.20
	Review biochemical reactor data for auditors	1.90
10-14	Meeting regarding Consent Decree issues	3.60
	Review ownership/permit maps	1.00
10-15	Review Global Settlement	1.00
	Review Paragraph 46 of Consent Decree/tonnage data	1.50
	Edit Global Settlement Paragraph 29 notice	.20
	Meeting regarding Consent Decree issues	.90
10-16	Review CH2M Hill construction contract	.40
	Edit CH2M Hill proposed contract amendment	.30
	Review Yarmouth hearing videos	.90

10-17	Conference regarding landowner letter/strategy	.30
	Review LRPB PowerPoint presentation	1.00
10-18	Conference with CH2M Hill regarding Apogee	1.10
	Review Apogee data forwarded to CH2M Hill	1.50
10-21	Conference regarding Apogee violation notice strategy	1.70
	Conference regarding upcoming meeting with plaintiffs	.80
	Telephone conference with plaintiffs' counsel	.20
	Review Special Master reports/invoices	.90
10-22	Conference regarding landowner issues	.40
	Conference regarding Apogee violation notice	.20
	Preparation for meeting with plaintiffs' counsel	2.10
10-23	Meeting with plaintiffs counsel in Lewisburg	6.20
	Conferences regarding landowner issues	1.10
	Conference with CH2M Hill regarding Apogee	.90
10-24	Conference regarding landowner claim settlement	.60
	Conference regarding Potesta Apogee analysis	.50
10-28	Review/edited	
	Conference regarding response to bio-reactor inquiry	.30
	Review/edit Apogee violation response	.70
	Meeting regarding Apogee violation response	.90
	Conference regarding landowner issue	.50
10-29	Conferences regarding landowner issue	1.00
	Review Potesta report	.50
	Edit Apogee violation response	1.50
10-30	Review/edit Plan landowner provision	1.80
	Review/edit/sign 3 rd Quarter selenium review	1.20
10-31	Conference regarding landowner issue	<u>1.00</u>
	TOTAL	66.80