

PRESS RELEASE

Drummond Company, Inc. Announces Expiration of Consent Payment Deadline and Receipt of Required Consents for its 9% Senior Notes due 2014 and 7.375% Senior Notes due 2016

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Drummond Company, Inc. (the "Company") announced today that the consent payment deadline expired at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 17, 2011 (the "Consent Payment Deadline") for the previously announced cash tender offers (each an "Offer" and together, the "Offers") for (i) any and all of its outstanding 9% Senior Notes due 2014 (CUSIP/ISIN Nos. 262277AC0/US262277AC08 and U2644RAB1/USU2644RAB16) (the "2014 Notes") and (ii) any and all of its outstanding 7.375% Senior Notes due 2016 (CUSIP/ISIN No. 262277AB2/US262277AB25) (the "2016 Notes" and collectively with the 2014 Notes, the "Notes"). Holders who validly tendered their Notes and delivered their consents at or prior to the Consent Payment Deadline and who did not withdraw their Notes prior to the withdrawal deadline will, if their Notes are accepted for purchase, receive the total consideration equal to (i) with respect to the 2014 Notes, \$1,050.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2014 Notes, which includes a consent payment of \$30 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2014 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the applicable payment date or (ii) with respect to the 2016 Notes, \$1,040.63 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2016 Notes, which includes a consent payment of \$30 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2016 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the applicable payment date. Subject to the terms and conditions of an Offer being satisfied or waived, the Company intends to exercise the early purchase option with payment expected on October 19, 2011.

As of the Consent Payment Deadline, \$249,750,000 principal amount of the 2014 Notes had been tendered and not validly withdrawn, representing approximately 99.9% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the 2014 Notes, and \$396,129,000 principal amount of the 2016 Notes had been tendered and not validly withdrawn, representing approximately 99.0% of the aggregate outstanding principal amount of the 2016 Notes.

The Company also announced that it had received consents from holders representing a majority in aggregate principal amount of each series of Notes outstanding to adopt the proposed amendments to the indenture governing such series of Notes. The Company has entered into a supplemental indenture effecting the proposed amendments with respect to each series of Notes, but the proposed amendments will not become operative until payment for the applicable series of Notes has been made.

The Offer with respect to each series of Notes will expire at 12:00 midnight, New York City time, on October 31, 2011 (such time and date, as it may be extended with respect to a series of Notes, the "Expiration Time"), in each case, unless earlier terminated by the Company. Holders who have not already tendered their Notes may do so at any time at or prior to the Expiration Time. If their Notes are accepted for purchase at or prior to the Expiration Time but after the Consent Payment Deadline, such holders will only be eligible to receive the tender offer consideration equal to (i) in the case of the 2014 Notes, \$1,020.00 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2014 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the applicable payment date, or (ii) in the case of the 2016 Notes, \$1,010.63 per \$1,000 principal amount of 2016 Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest up to but not including the applicable payment date.

The Company is conducting the Offers and consent solicitations in accordance with the terms and conditions described in its Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement (the "Offer to Purchase") dated October 3, 2011. The Company's obligation to consummate an Offer is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, which are more fully described in the Offer to Purchase, including, among others, the completion of the proposed investment by an affiliate of ITOCHU Corporation in the Company's Colombian coal operations and related transportation infrastructure on terms satisfactory to the Company.

The depositary and information agent for the Offers and consent solicitations is D.F. King & Co., Inc. Holders with questions or who would like additional copies of the offer documents may call the information agent, D.F. King & Co., Inc., toll-free at (800) 967-4607. Questions regarding the terms of the Offers and consent solicitations can be

directed to the exclusive dealer manager for the Offers and solicitation agent for the consent solicitations, BofA Merrill Lynch ((888) 292-0070) (toll-free) and (980) 683-3215 (collect)).

This news release is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to sell the Notes. Each Offer and the consent solicitation are being made only pursuant to the Offer to Purchase that the Company will be distributing to noteholders promptly. Noteholders and investors should read carefully the Offer to Purchase because it contains important information, including the various terms of and conditions to the Offers and the consent solicitations. None of the Company, the dealer manager and the solicitation agent, the depository, the information agent or their respective affiliates is making any recommendation as to whether or not holders should tender all or any portion of their Notes in an Offer or deliver their consents in the related consent solicitation.

Drummond Company, Inc. is a leading producer and marketer of high-quality steam and metallurgical coal. The Company's current coal mining operations are located in Colombia and in the Southern Appalachian region of the United States. The Company also has coke, real estate and other operations, including royalty-producing land management activities.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT ON FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This news release contains "forward-looking statements." You can identify forward-looking statements by the fact that these statements do not relate strictly to historical or current matters. Rather, forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, any statement that may predict, forecast, indicate or imply future results, performance, achievements or events. Forward-looking statements may contain words such as "believe," "anticipate," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "project," "plan," "will," or words or phrases of similar meaning. Because forward-looking statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions, these statements are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. Many factors could affect our forward-looking statements, including, among others, the completion of the tender offer and the receipt of consents to approve the Proposed Amendments to the indentures governing the Notes. New risk factors can also emerge from time to time. It is not possible for us to predict all of these risks, nor can we assess the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ from those contained in forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, actual future results may be materially different from what we plan or expect. We will not update forward-looking statements, even if our situation changes in the future, except as required by federal securities laws.

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