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Subject: Status Update of UMWA and PwC Data Requests

Adam and Andrew,

Attached, please find current status updates for UMWA and PwC data requests, as well as for Patriots requests of the UMWA and PwC.

Regards,

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Patriot Request:	Status:
<p>1 Patriot asked the UMWA to provide its market analysis regarding potential coal sales into the future. (1/31/13; 2/5/13; 2/15/2013; 2/19/13; 3/4/13)</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>The UMWA advised during the 2/19/2013 meeting that PwC is still working on this information but would provide the market forecast detail during the week of 2/18/13.</p> <p>PwC acknowledged by e-mail on 3/8/13 that this is still in process .</p>
<p>2 Patriot asked the UMWA to provide any information that the UMWA has obtained with respect to the value of additional tonnage produced by concessions offered by the Union (1/31/13) and to provide backup data for the total savings expectations set forth in the February 5, 2013 counterproposal, and in particular the supporting documentation for the savings expectations set forth in items 1 through 4 of subpart C “Scheduling Flexibility to Allow Increased Production.” (2/5/13; 2/19/13)</p> <p><u>Related</u></p> <p>Detail on the underlying assumptions for the margin information in the UMWA’s counterproposal. (2/15/13)</p>	<p>Partially Complete</p> <p>The UMWA agreed at the 2/19/13 meeting to provide additional documentation concerning the assumptions underlying PwC’s estimated savings incurred through scheduling flexibility and other items set forth in the UMWA’s 1113 proposal. Outstanding items include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail regarding the support, assumptions, and calculations underlying the wage freeze. • Detail regarding the support, assumptions, and calculations underlying the 10-hour shifts. • Explanation of where the provided quantification of the elimination of daily overtime was included in the counterproposal <p>PwC acknowledged during the</p>

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	<p>3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone that is responsive to this request.</p>
<p>3 Patriot asked the UMWA to coordinate with the Funds to form a view of the amount of Patriot's pension withdrawal liability. (1/31/13)</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>This was addressed at the 3/4/13 meeting, where the UMWA agreed to join in a request to the Funds with Patriot for this information. Otherwise, the UMWA's position is that it has provided all of the information that it has on the Pension Fund withdrawal liability.</p>
<p>4 Patriot asked the UMWA to share information for medical cost savings for active employees set forth in subpart D of the UMWA's February 5, 2013 counterproposal. (2/5/13)</p>	<p>Incomplete</p> <p>Although the UMWA has provided some information, it has not provided specifics on the savings contemplated by the UMWA's proposal or details with respect to how it proposes to change the current plan.</p> <p>PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone that is</p>

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	responsive to this request.
<p>5 Patriot asked the UMWA to share PwC's estimate of the savings incurred by the requirement for an employee's spouse to use their own health insurance. (2/5/13)</p>	<p>Incomplete</p> <p>The document provided by PwC on 2/21/13 does not set forth the detail of the proposed savings to the company by implementing this requirement.</p> <p>PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone that is responsive to this request.</p>
<p>6 A response from PwC to Mercer's analysis of the UMWA's claim using PwCs' assumptions. (2/19/13)</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>PwC advised in a 3/8/13 email that 3/5/13 correspondence between Mercer and PwC provides part of the information needed to respond; PwC is currently reviewing that information.</p>
<p>7 Support for the assertion that employees will not obtain certain benefits from the healthcare exchanges that Patriot anticipates, such as a prohibition on employer premium reimbursement. (2/19/13)</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>PwC advised in a 3/8/13 email that the UMWA is working on a response.</p>

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8 True and accurate copies of all collective bargaining agreements, including agreements with non-bituminous coal operators, that were entered by the UMWA: a) during the effective period of the 2007 NBCWA, including, without limitation any agreement with Murray Energy Corporation and its subsidiaries and affiliates, and b) during the effective period of the 2011 NBCWA that were executed subsequent to the effective date of the 2011 NBCWA. (2/28/13)	Open PwC advised in a 3/8/13 email that UMWA is working on a response.
9 All e-mails, draft documents, notes, and other documentation that are relevant to Peabody's assumption of responsibility for the benefits of retirees under the NBCWA Individual Employer Plan Liabilities Assumption Agreement dated October 22, 2007, including but not limited to all such documents pertaining to the Acknowledgement and Assent dated August 14, 2007. (2/29/13)	Open PwC advised in a 3/8/13 email that UMWA is working on a response.
10 PwC's quantification of the cost savings associated with increased hourly and salary employment ratios. (3/4/13)	Open

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Patriot Request:	Status:
<p>1 Please provide any support for the following statements contained in Cecil E. Roberts' letter dated January 8, 2013: (1/11/13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Patriot has "overstated the severity of [its] temporary liquidity problem"; b) Patriot's "model uses coal pricing projections that [its] own analysts have admitted are overly conservative, overestimates certain expenses and fails to account for recoveries in existing and anticipated litigation"; c) Patriot has "a management to hourly employee ratio out of line with other unionized coal companies operating in similar conditions"; and d) Emergence from bankruptcy in June of 2013 would "save _____ in otherwise needlessly wasted professionals' fees and other costs." 	<p>Partially Complete</p> <p>The UMWA agreed to provide additional coal market pricing information on item 1(b), but has not yet provided the market analysis information. PwC advised during the 3/12/13 conference call that the market analysis information will be forthcoming. The UMWA identified the study underlying its assertion on item 1(c) but stated at the 3/4/13 meeting that it cannot provide the management study due to copyright concerns. Items 1(a) and 1(d) are complete.</p>
<p>2 Please provide estimates of the savings Patriot would realize if the UMWA's January 8, 2013 counterproposals were implemented from 2013 to 2016, accompanied by supporting assumptions, calculations, and documentation. (1/11/13; 2/19/13)</p>	<p>Partially Complete</p> <p>PwC has provided certain responsive information; however, requests for further validation for coal price forecasts and incremental tonnage remain outstanding.</p> <p>PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone responsive to this request.</p>

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3 By mining complex, please provide the assumptions, calculations, and documentation used to support the savings estimates in Section IV.A of the counterproposals. (1/11/13; 2/19/13)	Partially Complete PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone responsive to this request.
4 By mining complex, please provide the assumptions, calculations, and documentation used to support the projections in Section IV.B.1 of the counterproposals for Additional Tons Produced and Total Incremental Revenue for the years 2013 to 2016. (1/11/13; 2/19/13)	Open PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call with the Company and Blackstone that complete information responsive to this request has not been provided. Therefore, PwC agreed to provide additional information to the Company and Blackstone responsive to this request..

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<p>5 Please explain the proposal in Section IV.D.1. (1/11/13)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Is the UMWA proposing to replace the current benefit plan with a generic-only formulary and to eliminate the brand-name formulary? b) If so, please provide details about how the benefit plan will work, including answers to the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Will all generic drugs be included in the formulary, or will some generic drugs be considered non-formulary? ii) If some generic drugs will be excluded from the formulary, please provide a list of specific drugs that will be excluded. iii) What copays will apply (PPL, non-PPL)? iv) If a brand-name drug is not approved for medical necessity, will the member pay the full cost of the drug? v) Will traditional Step Therapy (where a member is required to try a generic first before the brand is approved) still apply? c) If the UMWA is not proposing to replace the current benefit plan with a generic-only formulary, how does the proposal coordinate with the current plan, which provides that, for formulary brands, members pay the copay plus the cost difference between the brand and the generic, and that, for non-formulary alternatives, members pay the copay plus the cost difference between the alternative and the generic plus an additional surcharge (\$7.50 for the second fill and \$15 for all additional fills)? Please provide specific claim examples. 	<p>Partially complete</p> <p>The UMWA responded on 2/14/13 that items 6(b)(i) and (6)(b)(ii) are open to discussion pending review by a Pharmacy Expert; therefore no responsive information has been provided to 6(b)(i) and no list has been provided in response to 6(b)(ii).</p> <p>The offered response to item 6(b)(iv) is not complete. Under the UMWA's proposal, will the copays or the full cost of the drug be paid? Does the information reflect applicable copays, and do the copays apply to both PPL and non-PPL?</p> <p>Although the UMWA provided several examples in its 2/14/13 response to item 6(c), the response does not explain how the UMWA's proposal coordinates with the current plan.</p> <p>This was discussed at the 3/4/13 meeting, and the UMWA agreed to provide additional detail in response to this request. PwC advised by email on 3/8/13 that the UMWA is working on a response.</p>

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<p>6 Please provide a detailed list of drugs that will be excluded from the UMWA’s proposed formulary that supports the \$1.6 million savings in 2013 as set forth in the UMWA’s counterproposal. (2/28/13)</p>	<p>Open</p> <p>This was discussed at the 3/4/13 meeting, in which the UMWA agreed to provide additional detail in response to this request. PwC advised by email on 3/8/13 that the UMWA is working on a response, but the \$1.6 million estimate of savings is preliminary. PwC acknowledged during the 3/12/13 conference call that this information has not been provided, and agreed to provide additional calculations to support the estimate.</p>
<p>7 Please provide the UMWA’s DME network discount rate and any supporting documentation. (2/27/13)</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>8 Please provide a copy of the Touchstone survey and supporting calculations and assumptions used by PwC to ascertain anticipated healthcare cost savings from requiring that an employee’s spouse use their own health insurance. (3/12/13)</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>9 Please provide calculations and assumptions used by PwC to ascertain savings obtained from changes to the prescription drug formulary. (3/12/13)</p>	<p>Open</p>

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UMWA Request:	Status:
<p>1. Mr. Lucha offered to set up a call between the UMWA and Federal No. 2 management, and a call between Mr. Sanson and Hobet management, to discuss mine plan information. (2/15/13)</p>	<p>Conference call was held with the UMWA, PwC, and Patriot personnel regarding Federal No. 2 on 2/22/13. Potential dates for a call on Hobet were provided on 2/16/13 via email by Mr. Lucha.</p>
<p>2. Operational questions relating to Hobet (2/21/13):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An updated production breakdown by mine and customers who receive coal from each Patriot-affiliated operation. 2) Explain why coal production has slowed at Hobet since filing the bankruptcy petition. 3) A list of customers whose orders were filled by Hobet during each month of 2012 to date. 4) Identify whether Hobet is experiencing any geological problems that that are slowing the mining process. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide the date that the company became aware of adverse conditions. b. Provide a list of contracts that have been sent to other operations for filling. Please identify the coal source by mine and operator for each of these orders deferred from Hobet. c. Please provide any alternative mining plans that have been discussed (such as the Camp Creek South). d. When does the company expect to work through any adverse mining conditions that currently exist? e. What year does Patriot plan to open underground operations in or around the Hobet property? 5) Any additional cost breakdown that the Hobet operation has incurred since filing for bankruptcy protection. The UMWA has been informed that the company has moved to a new corporate purchasing mechanism that increased the cost at Hobet 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Documents responsive to this request have been posted at 1.2.12.5, 1.1.11.4, and 1.2.25.4. 2) Hobet uses a dragline and shovel in conjunction with various other equipment (loaders, dozers, etc.) to remove overburden from coal. Actual coal extraction is typically accomplished by using front end loaders to load the coal into trucks. There are numerous factors that affect the rate of overburden and coal removal, but the most important of these is the stripping ratio. The stripping ratio represents the number of bank cubic yards that must be moved to uncover one ton of coal, and is generally a fixed feature for the seam being mined. For the first six months of 2012 (January-June), Hobet moved 20.63 million yards to uncover 1.38 million tons of coal for a stripping ratio of 14.9:1. In the last six months of 2012 (July-December), Hobet removed 19.10 million yards of overburden to uncover 1.12 million tons of coal, for a stripping ratio of 16.95:1. After accounting for a difference in work days in the first six months to the last six months (10 more work days in the first six months), there is essentially no difference in daily yards moved before and after the reorganization filing and the drop in tonnage is a function of stripping ratio, i.e., more rock must be moved to uncover

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Reason for change. b) Date of change. c) Name of new vendor d) Name of previous vendor e) Management’s recorded cost increase for the Hobet operation. <p>6) Provide a breakdown of how an enhanced production schedule will adversely affect the company.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide an alternate assumption using the union’s latest 1113 proposal and assume the company may stop production at any time to perform repair and maintenance, reclamation, stream mitigation, drilling, surface clearing or other pre and post mining requirements. <p>7) Employees at the operation have complained to the union of very little oversight by management and a lack of emphasis on production and other profit driven practices that management has been instructed to no longer engage in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Please provide any memos to the company’s mine managers or bosses from 2012 to date. b) Internal production reports from 2012 to date c) Management records of information such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How many haulage loads each rock truck driver gets per shift. ii. How many buckets of overburden does the dragline remove per shift. iii. How the drilling progress is monitored. Please provide results of monitoring system. iv. How the clearing progress is monitored. Please provide results of monitoring system. v. How environmental progress is monitored (stream mitigation and court compliance). 	<p>a ton of coal. Year to date in 2013 production has been slowed by long uphill hauls from the pre-stripping spreads which results from lack of permitted valley fills in the current work area. Production has also been slowed year to date by high absenteeism. Through 2/24 a total of 429 personal and sick leave days have been used, representing 25% of all available PSL days for the year.</p> <p>3) Posted 1.2.36.3 on 3/1/13.</p> <p>4) The Company is unaware of any discrete adverse geologic events that have slowed the mining process at Hobet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Not applicable since the Company is unaware of any discrete adverse geologic events that have slowed the mining process at Hobet. b) c) Aside from the Hill Fork operation, which the UMWA is already aware, there are no other alternative mining plans in Hobet’s 5-year forecast. d) See response to subpart (a). e) There are no underground mining operations currently projected in Hobet’s 5-year operations plan.

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<p>vi. How reclamation is monitored. Please provide results of monitoring system.</p> <p>vii. How prep plant efficiency is monitored. Please provide results of monitoring system.</p> <p>viii. How blasting progress is monitored. Please provide results of monitoring system.</p> <p>8) In the company's 1113 proposals it has requested flexible scheduling and the use of contractors to ensure production is not slowed by repair and maintenance and other issues that may arise. However, the company is unable to fill its current orders and has notified the union of a need to have a layoff-realignment. Please explain how the company's 1113 proposals are in line with Hobet's mining plan.</p> <p>9) If the employer is unable to fill orders at Hobet due to adverse conditions why does the company not utilize the Hill Fork operation to supplement its contractual shortages?</p> <p>10) How many additional employees does Hobet assume would be required for seven day production? Please provide hourly and salary breakdown.</p> <p>11) How does seven day production differ from Patriot's bank plan in regard to productivity per worker hour?</p> <p>a) What is Hobet's current production per employee hour?</p> <p>b) What assumptions does Hobet management make based on seven day production in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 for productivity per employee per hour?</p> <p>12) Please provide all calculations used in providing the numbers used in Patriot's response to the UMWA regarding additional production at Hobet.</p>	<p>5) We believe that the UMWA's information is inaccurate concerning a cost increase. Please clarify with additional information about a specific vendor or product.</p> <p>6) Responsive documents have been produced in the data room at 1.2.37.1 - 1.2.37.3, and 1.2.36.1 - 1.2.36.2 on 2/27/13.</p> <p>a) We do not understand this request. Please clarify.</p> <p>7) Hobet denies that it has instructed its management personnel to no longer engage in profit-driven practices or to reduce emphasis on production or profit-driven practices at the mine.</p> <p>a) We believe this request is overbroad. Please clarify as to the requested subject matter.</p> <p>b) Operational reports were posted as 1.2.36.4-7 on 3/3/13.</p> <p>8)</p>

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	<p>9) As set forth in response to the previous item, Hobet is not experiencing an inability to fill orders. Hill Fork coal possesses lower quality characteristics, which makes it more difficult to sell in the current market.</p> <p>10) Responsive documents have been produced in the data room at 1.2.37.1 - 1.2.37.3, and 1.2.36.1 - 1.2.36.2 on 2/27/13.</p> <p>11) Responsive documents have been produced in the data room at 1.2.37.1 - 1.2.37.3, and 1.2.36.1 - 1.2.36.2 on 2/27/13.</p> <p>12) See document 1.2.30 and documents 1.2.37.1 - 1.2.37.3, and 1.2.36.1 - 1.2.36.2, which were produced on 2/27/13.</p> <p>Complete</p>
<p>3. Patriot's position regarding Peabody's liability to the Funds if Patriot refrains from withdrawing from the Funds at a later date, and if Patriot is aware of something that prohibits the Funds from pursuing Peabody if Patriot withdraws at a later time. (3/4/13)</p>	<p>To be discussed between counsel for the UMWA and the Company.</p>
<p>4. Conference call between Blackstone and PwC to reconcile the cost savings set forth in the UMWA's most recent counterproposal and PwC's savings forecast. (3/4/13)</p>	<p>Conference call was held on 3/12/13. PwC to contact Blackstone once responsive information has been prepared to schedule follow-up call to discuss PwC's savings forecast.</p> <p>In progress</p>

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5. Analysis and scenarios, provided by Blackstone, for Patriot's pension fund withdrawal liability. (3/4/13)	Provided Blackstone document via email on 3/8/13; subsequently posted as 1.4.13 on 3/12/13. Complete

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PwC Request:	Status:
1. Overview of current Maintenance Programs for all major equipment types – for example predictive/preventative, reactive/breakdown. (2/27/13)	Maintenance overview documents posted as 1.2.43 on 3/14/13; additional topics to be discussed during PwC site visit.
2. Identify any equipment Maintenance Programs that are performed by outside companies. (2/27/13)	To be discussed during PwC site visit.
3. 5 Year History of major CAPEX, Repairs & Maintenance by location. (2/27/13)	<p>Posted 1.2.38.2 – 1.2.38.5 to data room on 3/1/13, which includes Capital Expenditure history from 2009-2012.</p> <p>Earlier Cap Ex history not readily available due to system conversion.</p> <p>Repair & Maintenance history by location is extremely voluminous. Scope of the request to be clarified during PwC site visit.</p>
4. PwC requested a site visit and provided a list of topics to be covered. (2/27/13)	<p>The Company and AlixPartners had conference calls with PwC on 3/5/13 and 3/7/13 to discuss a site visit to the Charleston office for meeting and to two or three mines, and to discuss questions and topics provided by PwC.</p> <p>PwC agreed to provide additional questions in advance of scheduling dates for the visits to allow the Company time to prepare responses and identify appropriate participants for the meetings. PwC provided questions on 3/11/13. The Company proposed dates for a site visit to PwC on 3/13/13.</p>

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5. Request for Blackstone analysis of multi-employer plan options. (3/4/12)	Provided by email on 3/8/11; subsequently posted to data room as 1.4.13 on 3/12/13. Complete
6. Request for Company's detailed calculation of the UMWA's proposal on overtime in excess of 40 hours per week, and the detailed calculation of the Company's proposal on overtime in excess of 40 hours per week. (3/12/13)	Posted 1.2.42.1 and 1.2.42.2 on 3/13/13. Complete