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Dear Ben:

Enclosed please find our latest proposal for Patriot's quick exit from bankruptcy in a manner that addresses its temporary liquidity issues. These - the UMWA's third set of counterproposals for modification of Patriot's collective bargaining agreements and retiree medical care obligations - unlike Patriot's proposals, honor commitments repeatedly made to active and retired UMWA miners. As I have stated in each of our meetings, a consensual resolution preventing liquidation of your company is only possible if our retirees' healthcare benefits are preserved.

Patriot's financial troubles are indisputably temporary. Our ongoing analysis of your business plan and supporting data your advisors have provided to date reveals that you have overstated the severity of Patriot's financial problems. For example, your plan overestimates certain expenses, is based upon coal pricing projections that your own analysts have admitted are conservative and fails to account for the value of causes of action against Peabody and Arch. Even with these flaws, your business plan predicts a return to profitability in 2014 and a positive liquidity position in 2016 even without any 1113 or 1114 modifications. Our enclosed proposals for 1113/1114 concessions and reduction of other expenses offer an immediate return to profitability and liquidity in-line with the targets set in your business plan, and they do so without incorporating the reasonably anticipated benefits of more accurate coal pricing projections and litigation proceeds. We expect to provide you with our coal forecast data under separate cover prior to our next meeting.

In addition to our counterproposals, I have enclosed a Summary of Savings illustrating that implementation of proposed business plan savings along with our proposed 1113/1114 concessions would result in total savings consistent with and in some years exceeding the profitability and liquidity targets you have set in your business plan. You should note that we have factored into our analysis conservative estimates for some of our proposed savings, including capital expenditure savings on the low end of the estimated range and a valuation of our proposal to offer the flexibility to implement a seven-day production schedule based upon your very constrained view of the possibility of realizing additional revenues from increased production. When more realistic estimates of these savings and less conservative coal pricing forecasts are incorporated, our proposal will far exceed your profitability and liquidity targets. Please do not misconstrue our incorporation of your business plan, profitability and liquidity targets into this presentation as an acknowledgment that your proposed savings are necessary. We are simply illustrating in our summary that our proposed savings meet your plan's targets despite your plan's conservative coal pricing and failure to account for the value of recoveries against Peabody, Arch and other parties.

Since our first meeting on November 15, 2012, you have assured us that your legal team at Davis Polk has been working with your General Counsel, Joe Bean, to provide you regular updates as to Patriot's investigations into claims against Peabody and Arch. At subsequent meetings, you assured us that these investigations would be completed before the conclusion of our 1113/1114 negotiations. Given your recent unfortunate decision to file motions seeking 1113/1114 relief, we expect you will now share the findings and conclusions of your investigations.

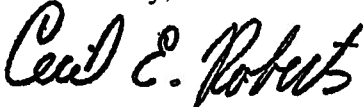
In addition to the long-overdue information about your Peabody and Arch investigations, we continue to await responses to the questions first posed in my February 28 letter, which request information essential to a meaningful assessment of the primary source of funding for the VEBA contemplated in your 1114 proposal. Among these questions is a request for your analysts' assessment of the value of the reorganized company and other information necessary to understand the source and value of VEBA funding. We note that your prior correspondence rejecting our 1114 proposal claims that it is based on "unrealistic assumptions of funding availability." As you may know, the unsecured creditors' committee's advisors have recently released their own estimate of a reorganized company value largely supportive of our concept. Along with your response to the questions I presented to you in my February 28 letter, please provide your own advisors' estimate and support for your conclusion that our proposal's assumptions of funding availability are "unrealistic" in light of the UCC advisors' estimate.

Our proposed concessions, savings and VEBA funding proposal constitute the only real plan to resolve your temporary liquidity problem while protecting our retirees. You have offered no realistic alternative to accomplish both of these critical goals, each

of which must be satisfied to avoid liquidation of your company. As with the proposals we have exchanged to date, we expect additional detail and data are necessary to thoroughly consider the enclosed proposals and we are committed to engaging with you to promptly provide that information.

In the meantime, we ask once again that you seek renegotiation or replacement of your DIP lending facilities as necessary to permit us the time needed to arrive at a workable solution to your company's real but temporary challenges. We remain concerned that you have done nothing whatsoever to seek financing to forestall or bridge the temporary liquidity shortfall projected in your business plan.

It is my sincere hope a good faith response to these proposals reflecting a desire to resolve your temporary financial problems will not be precluded by the ultimately self-destructive and apparently ideological ambitions reflected in your proposals to date.

Sincerely,


Cecil E. Roberts

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