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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:

PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)

Jointly Administered

**NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND REQUEST FOR SERVICE OF
NOTICES AND PAPERS BY BROWN RUDNICK LLP AS COUNSEL
FOR THE AD HOC CONSORTIUM OF SENIOR NOTEHOLDERS**

¹ The Debtor names and employer tax identification numbers and addresses for each of the Debtors are set forth in the Debtors' chapter 11 petitions.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned hereby appear in the above-captioned cases as counsel for the Ad Hoc Consortium of Senior Noteholders, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1109(b) and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2002, 3017(a), 9007, and 9010, and request that copies of all notices and papers filed or entered in these cases be given to and served upon the following:

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