



# Northeast BC Coal Forum

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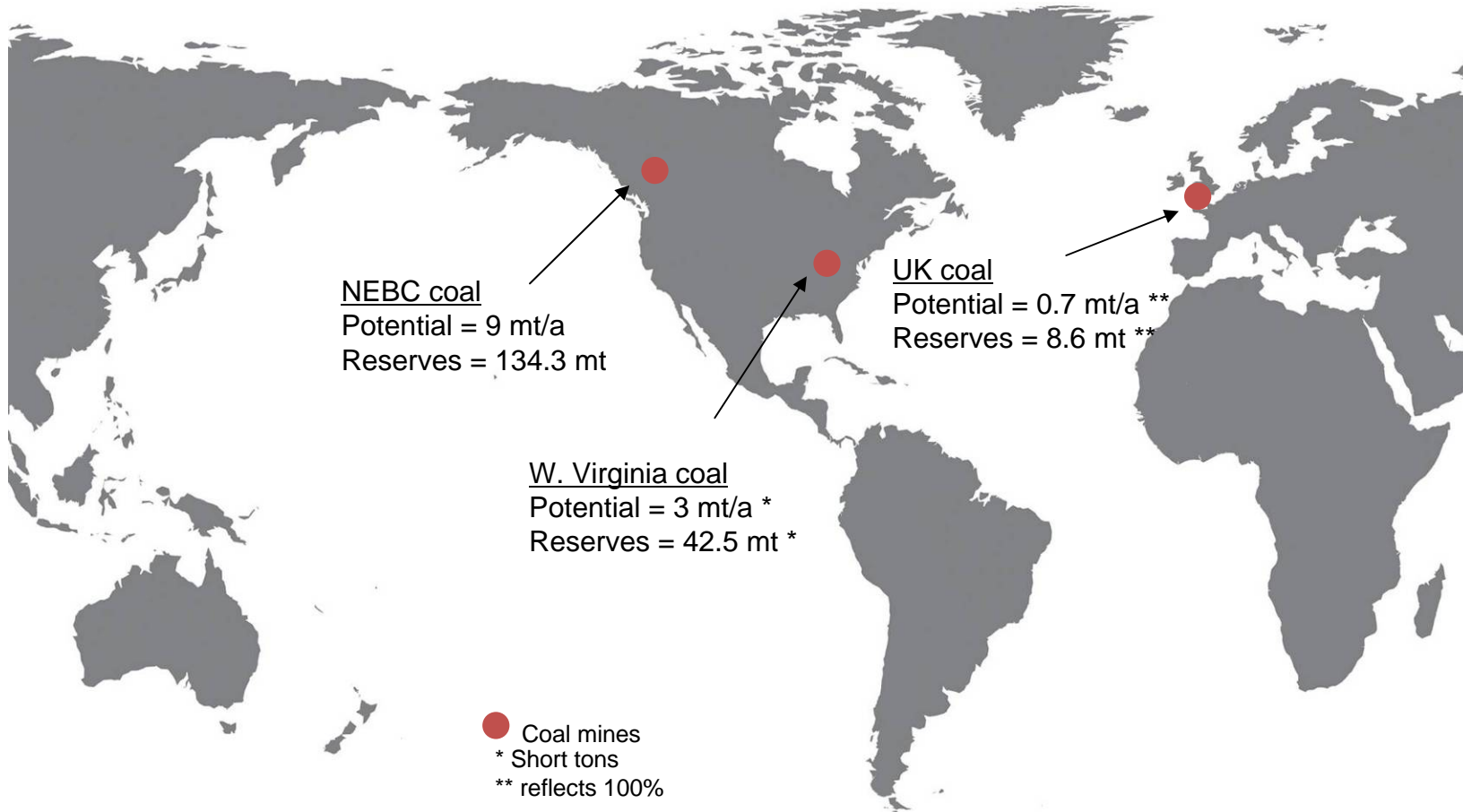


## Company Overview

- Name changed to **Western Coal Corp.**
- Common shares: “WTN” trade on the TSX and AIM
- Total Assets ~ C\$750 million
- Approx. 600 employees (400 in BC and 200 in W. Virginia)
- Fiscal 2009 (a record year)
  - Earned \$214.5 million
  - Produced 2.3 million tonnes of met coal
  - Sales of \$586 million



# Where We Operate





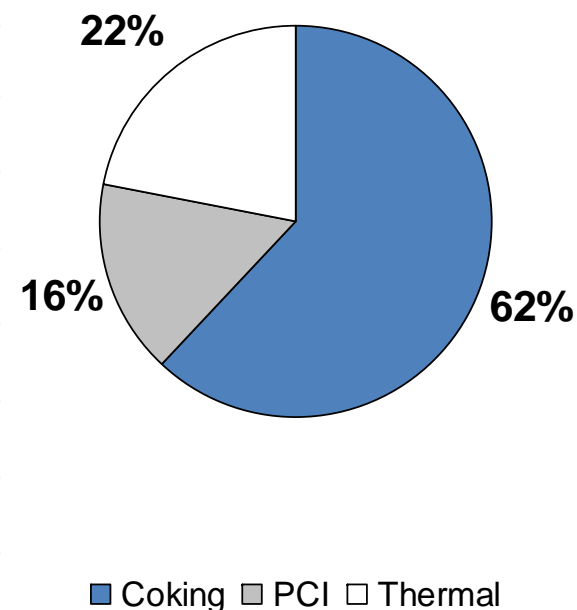
# Asset Overview

- Coal assets include:
  - 3 mines in northeast BC (NEBC)
  - 2 mines in W. Virginia
  - 50% interest in the Belcourt-Saxon joint-venture in NEBC
  - 50.6% interest in a Welsh anthracite mine – Energybuild Plc (AIM: EBG)
  - 20% interest in NEMI (TSX: NNE.A), holds NEBC BC coal assets
- Installed capacity to produce 7 million tonnes per year (4.5 million in Canada)
- 20+ years of coal reserves
- Other minor interests in an energy company and gold/antimony company



# Coal Reserves & Resources

(million tonnes)	Reserves <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	Resources <sup>(1)(3)</sup>
Wolverine (Canada)	54.1	75.6
Brule (Canada)	21.5	37.1
Willow Creek (Canada) <sup>(4)</sup>	15.7	36.0
Belcourt Saxon (Canada) <sup>(5)</sup>	43.0	85.5
Maple (USA) <sup>(6)</sup>	27.0	64.4
Gauley Eagle (USA) <sup>(6)</sup>	15.5	61.3
Energybuild (UK) <sup>(7)</sup>	6.8	94.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>183.6</b>	<b>454.7</b>



- (1) Per Technical Reports
- (2) Reserves reflect mining dilution and losses, but do not reflect process recovery
- (3) Resources are inclusive of resources used to develop Reserves
- (4) Under review, possible increase as a result of new drilling
- (5) Western's 50% share
- (6) Converted to metric tonnes from short tons Metric tonne = 1.102 short tons
- (7) Western's 50.6% share



# Competitive Advantage: Infrastructure

## Tumbler Ridge

- Population over 3,500, many with mining experience

## CN Rail

- 40 million + tonnes of available capacity
- 950 kms between port and Western's mines

## Ridley Terminals

- Underutilized capacity (16 Mt/a capacity)
- Can handle largest ships
- Open year-round
- Vancouver-based coal ports, Westshore Terminals and Neptune Terminals are close to capacity





# Northeast BC Operations

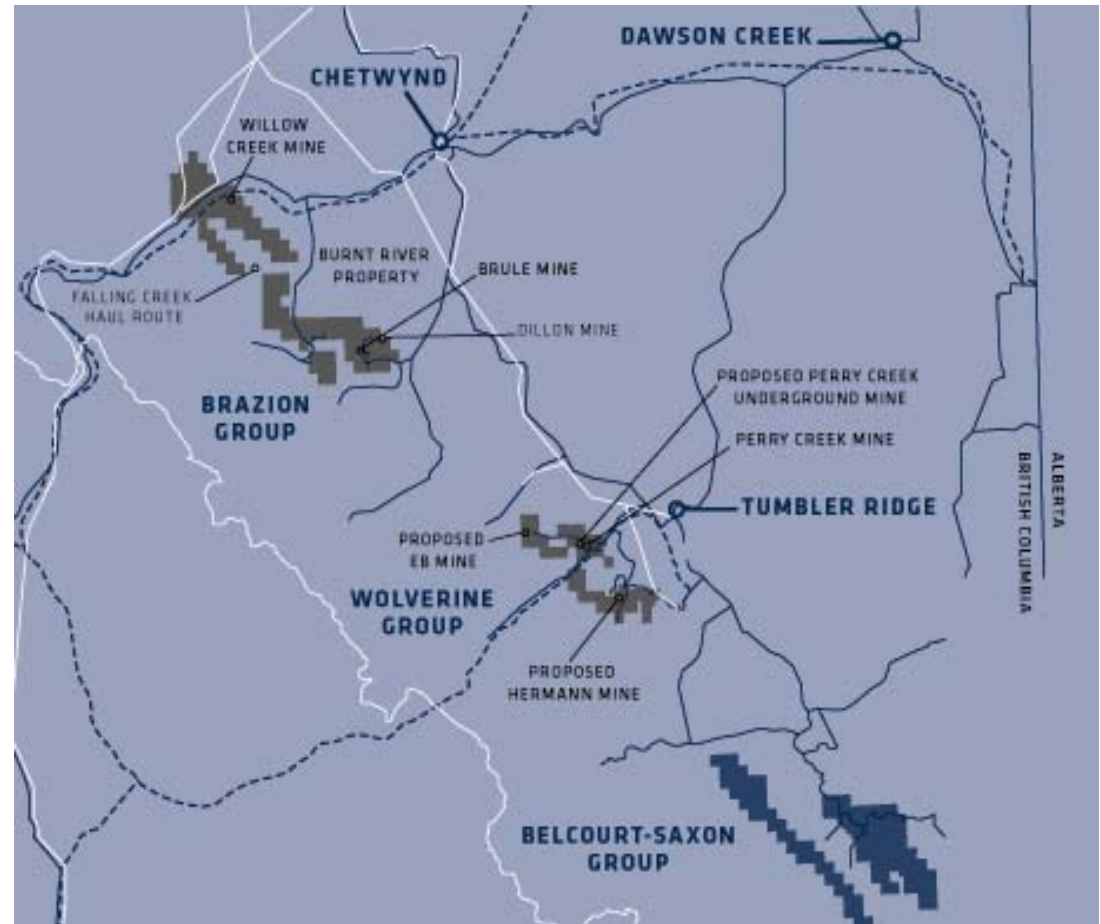
## Wolverine Property

- Perry Creek Mine
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- EB Mine
- Hermann Mine

## Brazion Property

- Brule Mine
- Willow Creek Mine

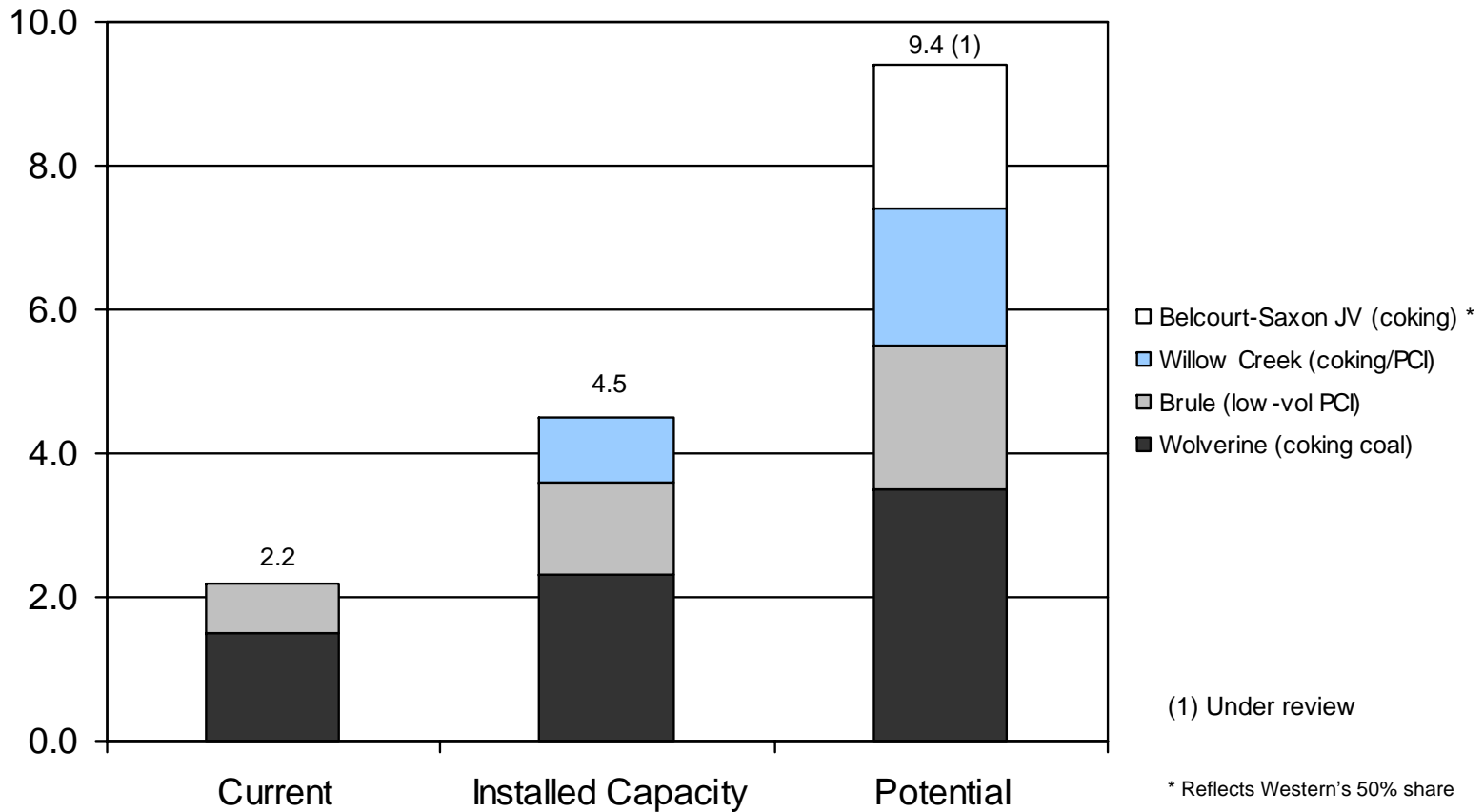
## Belcourt-Saxon Joint Venture





# NE BC Production Capacity

Million tonnes





# Wolverine Operation

- Operational improvements on track
  - Reducing stripping ratio to LOM
  - Lower cost structure
  - Successful transition to company operated pit operations
- Increase production to permitted levels of 3.0 Mt/a
- Plant/dryer capacity potential of 3.5 Mt/a
- Phased-in expansion opportunities
  - Perry Creek underground
  - EB open pit
  - Hermann



# Brule Mine

- Very successful mine meeting all production and cost expectations
- Permitted for 2.0 Mt/a
- Near-term opportunity
  - Move gas pipeline to extend the life of the current pit
  - Get production back to 1.3 Mt/a (pre-financial crisis levels)
- Longer-term prospects
  - Expand to 2.0 Mt/a
  - Linked to opportunities at near-by Willow Creek Mine



# Willow Creek Mine

- Acquired May 2008
- Currently permitted for 0.9 Mt/a
  - Conducting drilling program with the potential for reserve expansion through a new NI 43-101 report
  - Will seek new permit shortly
- Near-term
  - Produce 0.9 Mt/a of low-vol PCI (early as Q4-2010)
- Longer term prospects
  - Produce ~ 1.8 Mt/a of low-vol PCI and coking coal



# Belcourt-Saxon Joint Venture

- Consists of two properties: Belcourt and Saxon
- 50% joint venture with Peace River Coal
- Completed NI 43-101 early 2009 on the Belcourt property
  - Reserves\* of 86 million tonnes
  - Resources\* of 167 million tonnes
  - Production\* potential of 4.0 Mt/a
  - Requires significant infrastructure
- Reviewing opportunities

\* Reflects 100%



## Summary

- High quality coking coal & PCI firmly established in steel industry
- 20+ years of coal reserves
- Excess port/rail capacity ensures adequate infrastructure
- Expansion / new production opportunities
- We work and live in the communities we do business



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