



BRB No. 15-0419 BLA

ERMAL L. VANCE)	
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Claimant-Petitioner)	
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v.)	
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HOBET MINING, INCORPORATED)	
)	DATE ISSUED: 09/21/2016
Employer-Respondent)	
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DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF WORKERS')	
COMPENSATION PROGRAMS, UNITED)	
STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR)	
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Party-in-Interest)	ORDER

On November 10, 2015, counsel for employer, Jackson Kelly PLLC, filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel, stating that employer’s parent company, Patriot Coal (Patriot), filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code. Counsel further stated that Patriot instructed counsel to withdraw in all claims where Patriot was self-insured for federal black lung liability.

In response, the Director, Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (the Director), filed a Motion to Remand accepting liability for this claim, and requesting that this case be remanded for payment of benefits by the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund (the Trust Fund).

In view of the above, the Board grants the Director’s motion, dismisses this case, and remands this case to the district director for the payment of benefits by the Trust Fund. *See* 26 U.S.C. §9501(d)(1)(B); 20 C.F.R. §725.1(c), (e).

SO ORDERED.

BETTY JEAN HALL, Chief
Administrative Appeals Judge

RYAN GILLIGAN
Administrative Appeals Judge

JONATHAN ROLFE
Administrative Appeals Judge