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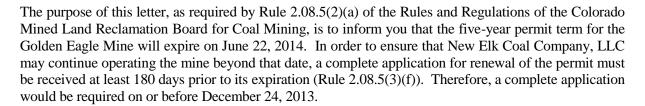
October 30, 2013

Ron Thompson New Elk Coal Company, LLC 12250 State Highway 12 Weston, CO 81091-9520

Re: Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)

Permit Expiration

Dear Mr. Thompson:



A renewal application form is available on the Division's web site at http://mining.state.co.us/SiteCollectionDocuments/RenewalApp.pdf. The form should be submitted with the following information, at a minimum, as required by Rule 2.08.5(2)(b):

- 1. A statement of the name and address of the permittee, the term of the requested renewal, the permit number, and a description of any changes to the matters set forth in the original application for a permit or prior permit renewal;
- 2. A copy of the newspaper notice to be placed in a local newspaper in accordance with the requirements of Rule 2.07.3(2); and
- 3. Evidence that a liability insurance policy or adequate self-insurance under Rule 2.03.9 will be provided by the applicant for the proposed period of renewal.

Should you or your staff have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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