STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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October 31, 2013

Jeffrey W. Fleischman Office of Surface Mining Western Regional Coordinating Center 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202

Re: Trapper Mine (Permit No. C-1981-010) Bond Release Application No. 15 (SL-15)

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

Trapper Mining, Inc. has applied for a bond release at the Trapper Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on October 31, 2013. Trapper Mining, Inc. submitted a Phase 1 bond release request application for 120.4 acres of land that has been backfilled and graded in 2013. The surface ownership is State and private, and the coal mined was Federal, state and private.

We will contact you to advise you of the Division's required bond release inspection of the site as soon as it has been scheduled. A proposed decision on the application will be issued within sixty (60) days of our inspection.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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