STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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December 16, 2013

Delta County Commissioners County Commissioner 501 Palmer, Suite 227 Delta, CO 81416

Re: Permit Issuance Permit Renewal No. 6 (RN-6) Elk Creek Mine (Permit No. C-1981-022)

Dear Delta County Commissioners:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety renewed Mining Permit No. C-1981-022 for the Elk Creek Mine on December 16, 2013, allowing coal mining and reclamation operations to continue under the provisions of the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act of 1979. The permit was issued to Oxbow Mining, LLC, P.O. Box 535, Somerset, CO 81434, (970) 929-5122, for their mining operation located in Delta, Gunnison County, approximately 0 miles North of Somerset, Colorado.

Copies of the permit are available at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

Sincerely,

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