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Executive Director

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Director

**Re: Yoast Mine (Permit No. C-1994-082)
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This letter, in accordance with Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to Approve Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5) for the Yoast Mine. This decision will be published in the *Steamboat Pilot*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty (30) day public comment period. If, within thirty days, there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing, the decision will become final.

The Division proposes to approve Phase I, II and III (final) bond release on 6.25 acres adjacent to the intersection of Routt County Roads 27 and 27A. The 6.25 acres remain within the permit area boundary. As an interested party, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing as outlined under Rule 3.03.2(6) of the Rules and Regulations. The request for an adjudicatory hearing must be written and state with specificity the reasons why the hearing is requested. The request must be received within thirty days of the first publication of the proposed decision in the *Steamboat Pilot*.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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