STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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March 6, 2014

Ann B. Eddins Delta County Clerk and Recorder County Clerk 501 Palmer Delta, CO 81416

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007) Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety requests that you maintain the enclosed "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance" for the West Elk Mine on file for public review for sixty (60) days.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

James R. Stark Environmental Protection Specialist Jim.stark@state.co.us

Enclosure

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