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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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Alan Boehms
Office of Surface Mining
Western Regional Coordinating Center
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, CO 80202

**Re: Bowie No. 1 Mine (Permit No. C-1981-038)
Bond Release Application No. 5 (SL-5)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Bowie Resources, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Bowie No. 1 Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on October 23, 2014. Bowie Resources, LLC has applied for partial release of surety liability for two areas at the Bowie No. 1 Mine. At the West Mine, the applicant requests Phase I release for 0.45 acres and Phase II release for 13.8 acres. These areas were backfilled, graded, topsoiled and seeded between 2000 and 2002. Phase II release for 10.2 acres is requested at the Timber Storage Area. This area was reclaimed in 2009. The surface ownership is federal and private, and the coal mined was federal and private.

The Division's required bond release inspection of the site was conducted on Tuesday, May 28, 2014. Duane Matt of OSM participated in the inspection. 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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