

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

July 15, 2015

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

Re: Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083) **Bond Release Application No. 1 (SL-1)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

Bowie Resources, LLC has applied for a bond release at the Bowie No. 2 Mine. The bond release application was found complete by this Division on July 15, 2015. Bond Relese No. 1 requests the partial bond release for 33 acres of Phase I; 49.4 acres of Phase I and II; and 1 acres including 185 drilled holes and two sealed mine shafts for Phase I, II, and III. SL-1 requests the release of \$1,500,000 of liability associated with disturbances approved for the Bowie No. 2 Mine. The surface ownership is federal and private, and the coal mined was federal 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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