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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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Denver, CO 80203

July 15, 2015

Assistant State Supervisor
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445 W. Gunnison Ave, Suite 240
Grand Junction, CO 81501-5711

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

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. All review and comment periods as provided in the Colorado Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Act and the Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining initiate from this date of filing.

Bond Release 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.

The underground coal mining operation is on land located approximately 5 miles Northeast of Paonia, Colorado. The permit area is further described as follows:

Portions of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, and 22, Township 13 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M. Portions of Sections 33 and 34, Township 12 South, Range 91 West of the 6th P.M.

The above-mentioned tracts of land are shown on the following USGS 7.5 minute Quadrangle map(s): Bowie.



For additional information, to provide written comments, or to file an objection and request an informal conference, contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567. In order for us to comply with regulatory time frames, we request that comments be submitted within thirty (30) days of this letter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason D. Musick", written in a cursive style.

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C-SL-03C