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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 4, 2015

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

**Re: Permit Issuance
Permit Renewal No. 6 (RN-6)
Golden Eagle Mine (Permit No. C-1981-013)**

Dear Mr. Boehms:

The Division issued the renewal for Mining Permit No. C-1981-013 to New Elk Coal Company, LLC for the Golden Eagle Mine on August 11, 2015. The underground coal mine is located in Las Animas County/Counties, approximately 20 miles West of Trinidad, Colorado. The coal is under private ownership and the surface is under private ownership. A copy of the permit is enclosed, as required by Rule 2.07.4(2)(c) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining (Rules).

Please note that the permit issuance date for Permit Renewal 06 has changed to January 25, 2014. The RN-05 issuance date was June 22, 2009, which would yield a permit issuance date of June 22, 2014 for RN-06. This June 22 permit issuance date, however, is in error. The incorrect issuance date stems from an error with RN-02 permit issuance. Based on this new issuance date, the current permit term will be 4 years, 7 months instead of the normal 5 years. This shorter permit term reflects the change in the issuance date to the correct January 25 date. The new issuance date of January 25 will be carried forward so all future permit terms will be the standard 5 years.



If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Simmons".

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Enclosure

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