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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 5, 2016

Slash M LLC
P.O. Box 4
Nucla, CO 81424

**Re: New Horizon Mine (Permit No. C-1981-008)
Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter, in accordance with Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Coal Mining, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has issued a proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 16 (SL-16) for the New Horizon Mine. This decision will be published in the *San Miguel Basin Forum*, as soon as possible. Publication of the notice initiates a thirty (30) day public comment period. If, within thirty days, there are no requests for an adjudicatory hearing, the decision will become final.

As an interested party, you have the right to an adjudicatory hearing as outlined under Rule 3.03.2(6) of the Rules and Regulations. The request for an adjudicatory hearing must be written and state with specificity the reasons why the hearing is requested. The request must be received within thirty days of the first publication of the proposed decision in the *San Miguel Basin Forum*.



If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brock Bowles". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brock" and last name "Bowles" clearly distinguishable.

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