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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

January 11, 2016

Bond Safeguard Insurance Company
10002 Shelbyville Road, Suite 100
Louisville, KY 40223

Re: West Elk Mine (Permit No. C-1980-007)
Bond Release Application No. 8 (SL-8)
Bond No. 5010562

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter, as required by Rule 3.03.2(5)(a) of the Rules and Regulations, is to inform you that the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's proposed decision to approve Bond Release Application No. 8 for the West Elk Mine became final on January 9, 2016.

The bond for the operation is a Corporate Surety issued by your company (Bond No. 5010562), in the amount of \$5,000,000.00. The proposed release amount is (\$110,452.00).

Please be aware that this notification is not a request to initiate any action by Bond Safeguard Insurance Company concerning Bond No. 5010562, and is for your information only. Should Mountain Coal Company, LLC choose to take action with regard to this bond release, they will contact you.

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

Sincerely,

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C-SL-22

