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## BLM Concurrence for Bowie No. 2 Mine Partial Phase I (SL-2) Bond Release Application

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Howard-

Per your email request on 1/9/17 please see attached letter.

Jason –

The attached file is BLM concurrence with CDRMS proposed decision for subject bond release.

Desty Dyer

**BLM-UFO Mining Engineer** 

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In Reply Refer to: COS05000, 3400

Howard Strand, Program Analyst OSM - Denver Field Division 1999 Broadway, Suite 3320 Denver, CO 80202 'JAN 9 2017

RE: Proposed Decision of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) SL-02 Bond Release at the Bowie No. 2 Mine, PN C-1996-083

Dear Mr. Strand:

This is to inform you that my staff has reviewed the CDRMS "Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance" dated December 30, 2016. We note that CDRMS considers that there was completed backfilling, grading, and drainage reestablished on 16 drill pads and 6 temporary access roads having a combined 12.27 acres, and that it was all completed prior to September 2016. On November 1, 2016 Desty Dyer participated in a joint CDRMS, OSM, BLM, and Bowie inspection which included the only 2 drill pads on BLM managed surface.

We have determined that of the 12.27 acres the lands managed by the BLM total approximately 2 acres while the remainder was on private land. The coal mined was a combination of private owned by Bowie Resources and federal mineral estate managed by the BLM.

The acres included in the bond release area had improvements that served their useful purpose and were no longer necessary since the coal reserves had been mined out and the mined out workings had been abandoned. In addition, the reclamation appears to be properly carried out as reported.

Because the reclamation has been shown to be successful the BLM has no objection to the Bond Release. If you have any questions please contact Desty Dyer at 970-240-5302.

Sincerely,

Sam Dearstyne Acting Field Office Manager

CC Howard Strand, Office of Surface Mining Jason Musik, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety Bill Bear, Bowie Resources