



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

May 16, 2018

Mr. Jim R. Murray  
High Mountain Mining Co., LLC  
3040 S. Vallejo Street  
Englewood, CO 80110

**Re: Alma Placer Mine, Permit No. M-1985-029, Amendment Approval (AM06)**

Dear Mr. Murray:

On May 16, 2018 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved the Amendment application submitted to the Division on December 20, 2017, addressing the following:

*Increase affected area from 216.1 acres by 13.6 acres, for a total permit area of 229.7 acres.*

The terms of the Amendment No. 6 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1985-029. All other conditions and requirements of Permit No. M-1985-029 remain in full force and effect.

If the revised liability amount exceeds the performance bond currently held (see below), please submit additional bond. In addition, an updated Performance Warranty must be submitted as required by Rule 4.1.1. The revision will not be final until the performance and financial warranties are approved by the Division.

Bond Held:	\$236,221.00
Change in Liability:	\$17,263.00
<b>Revised Liability:</b>	<b>\$253,484.00</b>

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham  
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure: Performance Warranty

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS  
Ben Langenfeld, Greg Lewicki and Associates





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## **PERFORMANCE WARRANTY**

Permittee: High Mountain Mining Company, LLC

Operation: Alma Placer Mine

Permit No: M-1985-029

***This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to sections 34-32-117, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and 34-32.5-117, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form, without approval by the Board shall result in the financial warranty being invalid and result in the voiding of any permit issued in conjunction with such invalid financial warranty and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to sections 34-32-123, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and 34-32.5-123, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials.***

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT:

WHEREAS, the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, C.R.S. 34-32-101 et seq. (the "Act"), as amended, and the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 et seq. (the "Act"), as amended, provides that no permit may be issued under the Act until the Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") receives a performance warranty (or warranties) that is a written promise to comply with all applicable requirements of the Act.

WHEREAS, High Mountain Mining Company, LLC (the "Permittee"), has applied for a permit to conduct a mining operation known as Alma Placer Mine (the "Operation") on certain lands in Park County, Colorado. These lands are described in the permit application, as amended and supplemented, and are referred to herein as the "Affected Lands".

WHEREAS, in its application for the permit, the Permittee has agreed to be bound by all requirements of the Act and all applicable rules and regulations of the Board, as amended from time to time.



WHEREAS, the Board has determined, in accordance with the Act, that the estimated costs of reclamation with regard to those affected lands in Park County which are now or may become subject to the permit are those amounts for the stated periods of time as set forth in the financial warranty, which may be amended from time to time to reflect revised estimates of said costs of reclamation.

WHEREAS, the Permittee hereby gives the Board a performance warranty pursuant to Section 34-32-117(2) or Section 34-32.5-117(2) of the Act, and herein promises the Board that it will comply with all applicable requirements of the Act with regard to those Affected Lands.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Permittee hereby promises the Board that it will comply with all applicable requirements of the Act and rules and regulations of the Board with respect to the Affected Lands.

FURTHER, the Permittee hereby promises the Board that it will comply with all of the terms of the application for a permit, as amended and supplemented, as well as any conditions attached to the permit by the Board.

FURTHER, the Permittee promises the Board, pursuant to 34-32-112(2)(d) or 34-32.5-112(1)(c)(iv) of the Act, that it has the lawful authority to enter upon the Affected Lands to conduct mining operations, including, but not limited to, reclamation. The Permittee further recognizes the right of the Board to enter to reclaim lands affected by the operation.

The description of lands herein is for convenience of reference only, and no error in such description, nor any revision of the permitted mining area, nor the disturbance by the Warrantor of lands outside of the permitted mining area shall alter or diminish the Permittee's obligation hereunder, which shall extend to the reclamation of all such lands disturbed.

The obligation of the Permittee hereunder is such that, if the Permittee shall successfully comply with the requirements of the Act, applicable rules and regulations, and the permit, then the Board, upon a finding that the Permittee has so complied, shall release this performance warranty, and the Permittee from its obligation hereunder, to the extent that the Board determines that such compliance has been accomplished. The obligation of the Permittee hereunder shall continue until released in whole or in part by the Board in accordance with applicable law.

In further satisfaction of the requirements of the Act, the Permittee promises to be responsible for the cost of reclamation up to the amount established by the Board and has attached hereto its financial warranty, which may be amended from time to time. The Permittee agrees that it will maintain a financial warranty (or warranties) for the estimated costs of reclamation in good standing for the entire life of the permit. Please note that under the provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act and the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, any Applicant or Permittee that submits proof, acceptable to the Board or Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, that an Applicant or Permittee is a unit of County or Municipal government, or is a department or division of State government, the Applicant or Permittee is not required to submit or post any other instrument of financial responsibility but

hereby promises to be responsible for the cost of reclamation up to the amount specified by the Board.

If the Board determines that the Permittee is in default under this performance warranty and has failed to cure such default, although written notice of such default and ample time to cure such default have been given, the Permittee's financial warranty shall be subject to forfeiture.

This performance warranty may be executed in multiple copies, each of which shall be treated as an original, but together they constitute only one agreement, the validity and interpretation of which shall be governed by the laws of the State of Colorado.

The provisions hereof shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

High Mountain Mining Company, LLC (SEAL)  
Permittee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTARIZATION OF PERMITTEE'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:  
State of Colorado  
Mined Land Reclamation Board

Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Director

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