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Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Succession of Operator - Lockland LLC to CJK Milling Company LLC

1 message

Sanderson, Amber M <asanderson@blm.gov>
To: "Czapla - DNR, Dustin" <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>
Cc: "Carter, Stephanie S" <:sscarter@blm.gov>

Wed, Jun 2, 2021 at 1:58 PM

Hi Dustin,

Attached is the CJK Milling Company LLC complete Succession of Operator letter. The SO is now authorized with BLM and CJK Milling are now the responsible party for the Hopemore Mine operations. Per 43 CFR 3600 regs, BLM does not require the operator to file an entirely new Plan of Operations with the new operator info. All documents, operations and reclamation associated with the previous operator are transferred to the new operator.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Take care,

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From: Czapla - DNR, Dustin <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Sanderson, Amber M <asanderson@blm.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Succession of Operator - Lockland LLC to CJK Milling Company LLC

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Hello Amber,

Please see the attached bond for M-2013-026 submitted by CJK Milling. The bond for Lockland, LLC has not been released yet. We will release that bond once the SO application is complete and we have BLM concurrence to do so.

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On Tue, May 25, 2021 at 1:48 PM Sanderson, Amber M <asanderson@blm.gov> wrote:

Hi Dustin,

After speaking with Gary Slifka today, CJK Milling Company LLC representative/operator, CDRMS is requesting proof of "right of entry" from BLM. I cannot authorize this until BLM receives confirmation from CDRMS that the CJK Milling bond has been posted. Once I receive this information, I'll conduct a final inspection of the Lockland LLC operation (scheduled Thursday, 05/27/21) and then BLM will issue a letter to CJK Milling for completion of the succession of operator (SO). BLM will then issue a letter to Lockland LLC (Bob Calder) authorizing the release of his bond.

Gary Slifka mentioned that the Lockland LLC bond had already been released given that the CJK Milling bond was posted with CDRMS. Did y'all by chance release the Lockland LLC bond already? BLM contacted you in early April 2021 for an update and the CJK Milling bond was still pending. If the bond has been processed, can you please send me all the documentation?

FYI...BLM does not require a new Plan of Operations to be filed for a SO. All paperwork (e.g., mine and reclamation plans, NEPA, decision letters, etc.), mining activities (disturbance) and reclamation requirements under the Plan are transferred to the new operator.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Once I receive the bond documentation and complete the final inspection, I'll email you the SO completion letter. I've also cc Stephanie Carter, BLM Mining Law program lead, to keep her in loop.

Take care,

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Amber Sanderson

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In Reply Refer To:
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Hopemore Mine
Attn: Gary Knippa
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Dear Mr. Knippa,

BLM received a Succession of Operator (SO) application on January 05, 2021 from CJK Milling Company LLC., for the Hopemore Mine located in T. 09 S., R. 79 W., Section 20 in Lake County, CO. BLM reviewed the application and determined it was incomplete, as the required financial guarantee in the amount of \$42,284 had yet to be posted with the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (CDRMS). On May 26, 2021, BLM received confirmation from CDRMS that the financial guarantee was posted; therefore, the SO application has been deemed complete, per 43 CFR 3809.551. The Plan of Operations and all associated reclamation requirements are now the responsibility of CJK Milling Company LLC.

According to our records, the Plan of Operations submitted for mining activities at this location was analyzed under the Environmental Assessment (EA) number DOI-BLM-CO-F02-2013-0066-EA and authorized by BLM on July 22, 2014. A baseline inspection has been scheduled for May 28, 2021 to document all mining related disturbance and any interim reclamation associated with the Hopemore Mine.

As the new operator, you are obligated to coordinate with the CDRMS and any other Federal, State or county agencies regarding the appropriate paperwork required to transfer any mining related bonds, permits, easements, leases, etc.

Please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
Royal Gorge Field Office

cc: Dustin Czapla, CDRMS