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Notice of Surety Increase, Peabody Sage Creek Mine, C-2009-087

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Mon, May 22, 2023 at 2:53 PM

To: "Kawcak, Miranda" <mkawcak@peabodyenergy.com>

Miranda,

Please find attached the Division's Notice of Surety Increase for the Peabody Sage Creek Mine. This increase comes as a follow up to the findings of Midterm Permit Review 3 (MT-3). Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards, Hunter Ridley Environmental Protection Specialist



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May 22, 2023

Miranda Kawcak Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467

RE: Peabody Sage Creek Mine; C-2009-087; Proposed Bond Adjustment; Informal Conference Notice. (SI1)

Dear Miranda Kawcak,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS or Division) is proposing a bond adjustment/surety increase for the Peabody Sage Creek Mine. During the midterm review (MT3), the Division reviewed the reclamation liability at the site and an updated reclamation cost estimate was produced by the Division. The Division provided a copy of the reclamation cost estimate on February 16, 2023. Therefore, the required surety needs to be updated through the bond adjustment/surety increase process outlined in Rule 3.02.2(4).

The Division proposes to increase the required surety at the site to \$3,681,766.00. The Division currently holds a surety in the amount of \$3,389,947.00. The net increase in required surety is \$291,819.00. Therefore, Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC will be required to submit an additional \$291,819 in bond.

In accordance with Rule 3.02.2(4)(a), the Division is required to notify the permittee of any proposed bond adjustment and provide the permittee with an opportunity for an informal conference on the adjustment. This letter serves as the required notification. If Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC would like to participate in an informal conference the Division asks that a written request be submitted by June 5, 2023. If no request for an informal conference has been submitted by this date, the Division will assume that Peabody Sage Creek Mining, LLC declines to participate in an informal conference and the Division will issue a proposed decision to adjust the bond amount accordingly.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at <u>hunter.ridley@state.co.us</u> or at (720) 868-7757.

Kind regards,

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Hunter Ridley Environmental Protection Specialist

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