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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

Re: Weimer Pit #2 Pit, Permit No. M-1996-031, Surety Reduction Request, SR-02, complete.

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

On March 22, 2012 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Sutherland Brothers, Inc. request for a surety reduction of the financial warranty (SR-02) for the above referenced pit. Sutherland Brothers, submitted the landowners names and address per the requirements on April 2, 2012.

Based on the inspection of March 19, 2012 and follow-up inspection of April 24th it is noted all earthwork has been completed at the site and it was ready for seeding. The Division calculated the reduction based upon the completion of those tasks. The estimated reclamation liability is now calculated to be \$18,535.00. This is a \$5,426.00 less than the current bond amount held and \$8,426.00 less than the increase notice SL-01 from January 4, 2012. Therefore, the Division is approving the Surety Reduction, SR-02.

Sutherlands may submit a new bond for \$18,535.00 or leave the current bond in place. Any questions regarding bond replacement should be directed to Financial Warranty Specialist Barbara Coria in the Denver Office prior to June 4th, 2012. She may be reached at 303.866.3567, ext: 8142, or by e-mail: Barbara.coria@state.so.us.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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