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**RE: PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR BOND RELEASE; GOLD RUN
PASS MINE, HEALY ALASKA (B-S0202-12142015-1)**

Dear Alaskan,

Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743, has requested phase I bond release for a portion of their Gold Run Pass Mine, permit No. 02-83-196, S-0602. UCM has requested a total of 44 acres for phase I bond release. The bond release is based on UCM completing the reclamation for backfilling, regrading and drainage control under AS 27.21.170(c) (1). UCM has requested a release of \$355,474.00 of their \$999,025.00 reclamation bond.

The Gold Run Pass Mine permit was initially issued November 2, 1990 and consists of a 519-acre mine site, and is located approximately ten (10) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Township 11 South, Range 6 West, and Sections 34&35 Fairbanks Meridian. Land affected by this request for phase I bond release is owned by the State of Alaska. The Gold Run Pass Mine permits were renewed on September 27, 2011 and have requested a renewal for 7th permit term.

Copies of the bond release request are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, or on our website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.cfm>.

Any person with a valid legal interest that might be adversely affected by this proposal or any federal, state, or municipal agency that has jurisdiction may submit written comments or objections concerning this proposal, and may also request, in writing, a public hearing under AS 27.21.170(g). Comments may be sent to Russell Kirkham by mail at the Anchorage address above, fax to (907) 269-8950, or by e-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "Gold Run Pass Phase I Bond Release" The deadline for comments and request for a public hearing is 5:00 pm, April 28, 2016.