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**RE: Final Findings of Fact and Decision**

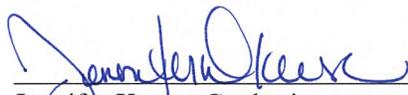
**Healy Valley Coal Exploration Permit Application, Permit E-0603**

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining Land and Water (DMLW) has reviewed the request from Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM) P.O. Box 1000, Healy, AK 99743, to issue a coal exploration application under 11 AAC 90.165. The Department finds that the application meets the requirements of 11 AAC 90 and AS 27.21 for coal exploration and is hereby approved. All exploration and reclamation activities are consistent with 11 AAC 90.167. This coal exploration permit will expire on August 6, 2015.

This exploration request is for a two-year term and includes permit areas located approximately four miles southeast of Healy, Alaska within Sections 21-28, Township 12S, Range 7W, and Sections 21-28 and Sections 10-21, Township 11S, Range 6W, within the Fairbanks Meridian. A total of approximately 12, 160 acres of land are within the Healy Valley exploration area, which the Alaska Railroad, Alaska Mental Health Trust the State of Alaska and Golden Valley Electric Association have either surface, subsurface or mineral estate rights previously approved in the existing permits.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the Division has determined that a reclamation bond in the amount of \$960.00 is sufficient to cover the associated reclamation costs. All exploration and reclamation activities are to be consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

The Final Findings of Fact and Decision and other supporting documents are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577 or on our website (<http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.cfm>). The applicant or a person with an interest, which is or may be adversely affected by this decision may request in writing a hearing under AS 27.21.150 to review the reasons for this decision. The request may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK 99501; faxed to 907-269-8918; or sent by electric mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). A request for a hearing must be received within 30 days after applicant is notified of this decision. The deadline to request a hearing is on September 5, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

  
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Date