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PUBLIC NOTICE: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF FACT AND DECISION

CORRECTION TO COMMENT PERIOD
JUMBO DOME MINE ROAD CORRIDOR SURFACE COAL MINING PERMIT # S-0605

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water has received a request from Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc., P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743 to renew the surface coal mining permit for the Jumbo Dome Mine Road Corridor (permit number S-0605).

The Jumbo Dome Mine Road Corridor (JDRC) area includes about 606 acres, located approximately six (6) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Sections 4, 8, 9, 19, 20, 25, 29, 30, Township 11 South, Range 6 West and Sections 25 and 36, Township 11 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian.

The mine is currently operating under an approved surface coal mine permit in accordance with the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). The JDRC permit is expected to support future mining operations in the Marguerite Creek Valley with the primary purpose of supporting development of the Jumbo Dome Mine. This renewal request is for an additional five-year term and includes the permit areas previously approved in the existing permits. No additional mining areas or revisions to the existing boundaries are proposed.

Parts of the permit application have been revised to provide current information as required by 11 AAC 90.021 through 11 AAC 90.065. No changes or modifications to the operation or reclamation plan are being proposed. The renewal application meets all of the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21; 11AAC 90).

Copies of the application and preliminary decision document are available for review at the Department of Natural Resources website (www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). Written comments should be addressed to Jennifer Keese, Coal Program Geologist, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or by e-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "Jumbo Dome Road Corridor". **The CORRECTED deadline for written comments is 5:00 PM, February 25, 2013**.

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