

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL FINDINGS AND DECISION
SURFACE COAL MINING PERMIT
JUMBO DOME MINE**

The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water has approved the application from Usibelli Coal Mine for a new Surface Coal Mine. An application for a surface coal mine permit submitted by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743 was received by the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) on January 21, 2010. The permit area consists of approximately 3,237.7 acres of which 1098.7 will be disturbed over the 27 year mine life. DMLW has determined that the application contains all information required under AS 27.21 and 11 AAC Chapter 90. All written findings required under AS 27.21. 180 and 11 AAC 90.125 have been made, and supports permit issuance.

The proposed Jumbo Dome Mine is located on State Land approximately 90 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska, and 9 miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The proposed mine can be found in the following general area: Sections 27, 28, 33, and 34, Township 10 South, Range 6 West, and Sections 3-5, 8, and 9, Township 11 South, Range 6 West, Fairbanks Meridian. The area can be found on the Fairbanks A4 and Healy D4 Quad maps.

The new mining area has proven and probable reserves of 83 million tons from four coal seams of the Upper Suntrana Formation. The application proposes a maximum mining rate of approximately three million tons per year for 30 years. The application provides an operation plan and a reclamation plan for the proposed mine area.

Operation under this permit will be guaranteed by an initial bond amount \$1,671,930 to cover pond construction. Prior to mining, a reclamation bond in the amount of \$4,636,780 reflecting all operations for the first 5 year term will be posted. The permits will be issued upon submission by the applicant and acceptance by DMLW of a performance bond for the initial bond for permit S-0606. The bond shall be on a form provided by Alaska Department of Natural Resources and will be conditioned upon the completion of the required reclamation, and compliance with all terms, stipulations, and conditions of the permit. Coverage under the bond shall include all areas disturbed in year one of permit S-0606. The permits, when issued, will be for a term of five years and the stipulations become a binding part of the permits themselves.

This permit is subject to the requirements of AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90 for surface coal mining and reclamation operations, and the conditions and stipulations in the permit.

The Final Findings of Facts and Decision and the approved permit application are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577; the Department's Fairbanks office at 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709 or on the departmental website (dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). 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 for a hearing 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 electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. The request for a hearing must be received within 30 days after the applicant is notified of this decision; the request must be received by 4:30 p.m. of the 30th day.

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