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PUBLIC NOTICE: PRELIMINARY COMPLETENESS FINDINGS FOR A MAJOR REVISION TO PERMIT # S-0603

Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743, has filed for a major revision to their permit to conduct surface coal mining activities at their Two Bull Ridge Mine (permit number S-0603).

The Two Bull Ridge Mine permit consists of a 2,522-acre mine site, and is located approximately five (5) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Sections 26-28 and 32-35, Township 11 South, Range 7 West, and Sections 3-5, Township 12 South, Range 7 West, Fairbanks Meridian. Land affected by this proposed revision is owned by the State of Alaska.

The proposed revision is to relocate the coal ash disposal site from the Poker Flats Permit area (Permit #s 01-83-796, 01-83-796-01, and S-0601-A) to the Two Bull Ridge Permit area. Coal ash will be disposed of in cells located within the active mine pit within the Two Bull Ridge Mine Area. Coal Ash disposal for the UCM Healy mines has been authorized by the State's Department of Environmental Conservation Solid Waste Disposal permit #SWZA046-015.

The application for this major revision is currently being evaluated to determine if it meets the requirement of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC Chapter 90).

Copies of the 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, or on our website (www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/mining/index.htm). Comments should be sent to Russell Kirkham, at the address above, by fax to (907) 269-8930 or by E-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "Two Bull Ridge Major Revision" The deadline for comments is 5:00 pm on March 4, 2013. A person who is or may be adversely affected by this revision may file written comments or objections and may include with an objection a request for an informal conference (AS 27.21.140).

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