



March 7, 2016

**RE: PUBLIC NOTICE APPLICATION FOR BOND RELEASE; TWO BULL RIDGE MINE HEALY ALASKA**

Dear Alaskan,

Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc. (UCM), P.O. Box 1000, Healy, Alaska 99743, has requested phase I bond release for a portions of their Two Bull Ridge Mine (permit numbers 01-83-796, 01-83-796-01, and S-0601-A). UCM has requested a total of 97.2 acres for phase I bond release. The bond release is based on UCM completing the reclamation for backfilling, regarding and drainage control under AS 27.21.170(c)(1). UCM has requested a release of \$453,257 of their \$5,842,902 reclamation bond.

The Two Bull Ridge Mine permit was initially issued October 23, 1997 and consists of a 2,522-acre mine site, and is located approximately five (5) miles northeast of Healy, Alaska. The mine is located within: Township 11 South, Range 7 West, Sections 26-28 and 32-35, Fairbanks Meridian; and Township 12 South, Range 7 West, Sections 3-5, Fairbanks Meridian. Land affected by this request for final bond release is owned by the State of Alaska. The Two Bull Ridge Mine permit was last renewed on June 22, 2011 for a 4th 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 may 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 or a request for a hearing must be sent to Russell Kirkham, at the address above, by fax to (907) 269-8930 or by e-mail to [coalprogram@alaska.gov](mailto:coalprogram@alaska.gov) with the subject, "Two Bull Ridge Phase I Bond Release" The deadline for comments and request for a public hearing is 5:00 pm, April 28, 2016.