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July 19, 2016

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Subject: Phase III Bond Release Approval, Hiawatha Coal Company, Hiawatha Mine, C/007/0011, Task ID #5114

Dear Mr. Finley:

The application for the Phase III Bond Release of the Hiawatha Mine is hereby conditionally approved. A copy of the Division's Decision Document is enclosed for your records. Hiawatha Coal Company's Phase III bond release request is for 83.1 acres. Bond release inspections were conducted on April 26, 2016 and June 1, 2016, which included representatives from the Hiawatha Coal Company, the Office of Surface Mining and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. A Phase III Bond Release decision document was prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining and distributed to OSM on July 15, 2016 with recommendation for approval.

The OSM, Denver Field Division, submitted a letter dated July 19, 2016 which agreed with the Division's findings and decision document and concurred with the bond release action.

This approval is conditioned upon our receipt of a revised Plate II-4 showing the delineation of the remaining 25.48 acres still under bond in RA-2, RA-4 and RA-7. At this time, please submit two clean copies of the application including the revised Plate II-4, for incorporation. A stamped incorporated copy will be returned to you for inclusion in your copy of the Mining Reclamation Plan.

If you have any comments or concerns, please contact Daron Haddock at 801 538-5325 or me at 801 538-5340.

Sincerely,

John R. Baza
Director

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Enclosure

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