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**Fwd: OSMRE Concurrence Attached: Hiawatha Bond Release Task ID #5300**

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Mr. Baza,

Please find OSMRE's concurrence with the Division's Decision Document, Task ID #5300, regarding Phase I and Phase III bond release at the Hiawatha Mine.

Sincerely,

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**Tom Medlin**  
Denver Field Branch  
303/293-5083

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RE: Phase I and Phase III Bond Release, Hiawatha Coal Company, Hiawatha Mine, (Permit No. C/007/0011),  
Task ID #5300

Dear Mr. Baza:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Branch's (DFB) receipt and review of the subject Phase I and Phase III Bond Release Decision Document prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), dated July 7, 2017. DOGM's Proposed Decision documents the applicant's compliance with the Utah Coal Rules at R645-301-880 *et seq.* DFB agrees with the Division's findings and, as such, provides OSMRE concurrence in accordance with 30 CFR § 740.15 (d)(3), and 30 CFR § 944.30, Article IX, Section B of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

This Phase I and Phase III bond release request applies to 11.476 acres, specifically:

1. Sediment Pond D007 (1.306 acres)
2. Slurry Pond 5 (10.17 acres)

OSMRE finds that Hiawatha Coal Company has met or exceeded the requirements for Phase I and Phase III bond release on the 11.476 acres described above. DOGM currently holds a performance bond for the Hiawatha Mine in the amount of \$1,708,000. Based on the subject reclamation work, Hiawatha Coal Company requests a bond reduction of \$52,211. The Division has determined the remaining \$1,655,789 performance bond will be more than sufficient to ensure full reclamation of the Hiawatha Mine in the event of forfeiture.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this bond release action through DFB. Please contact Tom Medlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 303/293-5083 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Strand, Manager  
Denver Field Branch

c: Daron Haddock, DOGM  
Elliot Finley, Hiawatha Coal Company