0012 ACT/007/016 #24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for Phase I Bond Release
Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines
Permit #INA/007/016
Mountain Coal Company
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Mountain Coal Company, P.O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado, 81434, a wholly owned subsidiary of Atlantic Richfield Company, has filed with the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining an application for partial release of the reclamation performance bond for it's Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines.

The company has completed Phase I of the approved reclamation plan for the Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines. This is based upon the completion of backfilling, grading, topsoil replacement and drainage control in accordance with the approved plan. Reclamation was performed on approximately 24.30 acres of disturbed land.

The present bond posted for this site is $641,433.00. Mountain Coal Company is hereby applying for release of 60% of the original bond, or $384,865.00.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines are located in Bryner Canyon, approximately 20 road miles northwest of Price, Utah. The permit area is described as follows:

Township 13 South, Range 7 East, SLBM, Utah
- Sec. 12: E1/2, E1/2 W1/2
- Sec. 13: NE1/4 NE1/4, N1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, N1/2 S1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, S1/2 S1/2 NW1/4 NE1/4, S1/2 NE1/4, E1/2 W1/2, SE1/4
- Sec. 24: N2 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4

Township 13 South, Range 8 East, SLBM, Utah
- Sec. 7: W1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4
- Sec. 17: SW1/4 SW1/4
- Sec. 18: Lots 1-4, NW1/4 NE1/4, S1/2 NE1/4, E1/2 NW1/2 NE1/2 SW1/4, SE1/4, SE1/4 SW1/4, S1/2 NW1/4, S1/2 NE1/4, NW1/4 NE1/4
- Sec. 19: NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, N1/2 SW1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, Lots 1 and 2, SE1/4 NW1/4

The permit area is located on the Jump Creek, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map.

Federal Coal Leases were #U-53159 and #U-8319.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines have been operated and reclaimed under permit ACT/007/016.

The Gordon Creek No. 2/7/8 Mines were closed in November, 1990. Site demolition was completed in 1991. Backfilling and grading started in 1995 and finished in August 1997.

This notice is being published to comply with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1997 and State and Federal regulations promulgated pursuant to said act.

Written comments or objections may be submitted to: State of Utah Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil, Gas & Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801.

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