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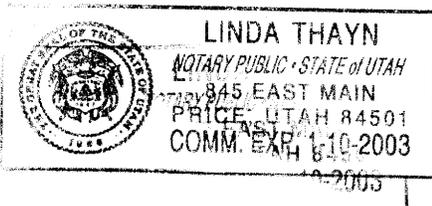
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PUBLIC NOTICE

J.B. King Mine (a.k.a. Dog Valley Mine)
Permit # ACT/015/002
Western States Minerals Corp. (WSMC)
4975 Van Gordon St.
Wheat Ridge, CO. 80033

Western States Minerals Corp. seeks Phase II and III bond release for the J.B. King coal mine, which has been in the reclamation monitoring phase since 1986. The original permit was issued in 1985 and Phase I of the Reclamation Plan was completed in 1986. The Phase I portion of the performance bond was petitioned for and released at that time. The entire project has been in a reclaimed state since April, 1986, and is now ready for Phase II and III bond release. This application for bond release is based primarily upon the successful re-establishment of vegetation (e.g. as assessed by vegetation performance monitoring) and achievement of erosional stability throughout the site (e.g. to the extent possible); which is in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, it also meets all other provisions of the approved reclamation plan and permit.

In accordance with the provisions of R645-301-880, of the Utah Coal Mining Rules, notice is hereby given to the general public that WSMC is applying for full release of its remaining performance bond which amounts to \$126,078.00.

The reclaimed J.B. King Mine is located approximately 6 miles east of Fremont Junction (e.g. intersection of Hwy I-70 and UT. State Hwy 10). The following is a legal description of the permit area: Township 23 South, Range 6 East, SLBM, Utah and includes portions of the SW1/4NW1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 32. The permit area is located to the east side of the Dog Valley Wash, which is shown on the Walker Flat, Utah, U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle map. No State or Federal Coal leases are currently held by WSMC. The entire reclamation work completed was on approximately 32.4 acres of Utah State Trust Lands, and that constitutes the currently bonded acreage. A description of the major reclamation work performed, and the completion dates of each event, is as follows:

- Underground mining ceased in May 1981
- Final Closure and Reclamation of the entire site completed April 1986
- Enhanced reclamation of drainage channels completed May 1987 (installed rip-rap)
- Repeated repairs to drainage channels in 1988 and 1989
- New drainage channel design implemented, rock mulch added to refuse pile face, and veg. test plot area reclaimed - all completed in late fall and winter of 1994-95
- Built new sediment pond spillway in Nov. 1997
- Repaired North Diversion ditch, performed husbandry, and removed deteriorated silt fence in Nov. 1998

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is being asked to evaluate this request to determine whether it meets all the criteria of the Permanent Program Performance Standards according to the requirements of the Utah Coal Mining Rules. Upon completion of the evaluation for the said reclamation, a decision will be made as to approval or disapproval of this application. The reclamation plan is available for public review at the offices of the: Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, P.O. Box 145801, Salt Lake City, UT. 84114-5801, and at the Emery County Courthouse, Castle Dale, Utah, 84513.

Written comments, objections, and requests for public hearing or informal conference on this request may be addressed to the Director of the Division: Mr. Lowell Braxton at the Salt Lake City, UT. Address listed above.

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