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RE: Phase II and III Bond Release, PacifiCorp, Des Bee Dove Mine, C/015/0017, Task #4580, DOGM Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance, August 7th, 2014.

Dear Mr. Baza:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Division's (DFD) receipt and review of the above Phase II and III Bond Release Decision Document prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) dated July 14, 2014. DFD agrees with the findings and Decision Document and hereby provides OSMRE concurrence for the above bond release action in accordance with 30 CFR 740.15 (d) (3), and 30 CFR 906.30, Article IX, Section 24, of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

DOGM's Proposed Decision documents the applicant's compliance with the Utah approved regulatory program at Rule R645-301-880.

This Phase II and III bond release request applies to the remaining 40.9 acres, specifically:

- The Beehive and Deseret Mine Breakout portals (Phase I approved September 2009)
- The remaining Deseret mine reclamation (Phase I approved February 2007)
- The remaining Little Dove and Beehive mine reclamation (Phase I approved February 2007)
- The Sediment Pond and access road (Phase I approved September 2009)

OSMRE finds that PacifiCorp has met or exceeded the requirements for Phase II and III bond release on these 40.9 acres of land described above. DOGM currently holds a performance bond in the amount of \$511,000. PacifiCorp is requesting the entire \$511,000 reduction in this bond. DOGM has determined that the reclamation is complete and there is no need to hold any more bonds for these lands. The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have concurred with this finding in letters dated June 30 (USFS) and July 7 (BLM), 2014. OSMRE also concurs with DOGM's decision.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this Federal mine bond release action through the OSMRE-DFD. Please direct any questions concerning this action to Daniel MacKinnon, Natural Resources Specialist, at dmackinnon@osmre.gov or (303) 293-5011.

Sincerely,



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