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Raymond Kunkel
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Dear Mr. Kunkel:

Re: Public Notice to Owners of Record, Lisbon Valley Project, M/037/088, San Juan County, Utah

Pursuant to Rule 647-4-116 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's Minerals Reclamation Program, you are hereby notified of the Division's tentative decision to approve Summo (USA) Corporation and Lisbon Valley Mining Company's change in the form of proposed reclamation surety for their Lisbon Valley Project in San Juan County, Utah. This rule requires that all owners of record of the land affected be notified of said action. A copy of the public notice, that will be published in the local and Salt Lake area newspapers, is attached for your reference and information.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is hereby advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed change in surety should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a hearing before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, in accordance with UCA §40-8-18.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg

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BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE RECLAMATION SURETY FOR A LARGE MINE OPERATION FOR LISBON VALLEY COPPER PROJECT SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH	:	NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DECISION TO APPROVE NO. M/037/088

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T30S, R25E; SECTION 1, T31S, R25E; AND SECTIONS 30, 31, T30S, R26E, SLBM; SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve a change in the form of proposed reclamation surety for the first three years of operation of the Lisbon Valley Copper Project. The mine operator is Summo (USA) Corporation and Lisbon Valley Mining Company, L.L.C. Mining activities will affect the following area: Sections 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, T30S, R25E; Section 1, T31S, R25E; and Sections 30, 31, T30S, R26E, SLBM; San Juan County, Utah. Approximately 1,103 acres of federal, private and state land will be affected over the projected 10-year mine life.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining formally approved of the mining and reclamation plan for Summo (USA) Corporation's Lisbon Valley Copper project in January, 1997. A stipulation required the reclamation surety be posted prior to initiating mining operations, or by December 31, 1997, whichever came first. Summo (USA) Corporation has proposed a change in the surety company from Robert C. Bates, Inc. to United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company and a change in the Reclamation Contract form to add the new parent company (Lisbon Valley Mining Company, L.L.C.). Sufficient reclamation surety is currently posted for this operation.

The person representing the company is Mr. Robert Prescott; Phone (801) 259-3077. Summo USA Corporation and Lisbon Valley Mining Company, L.L.C. are fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to grant approval of the proposed change in the surety company and operator name is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 1st day of October, 1997.

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Mary Ann Wright

for Lowell P. Braxton
Acting Director