

NOTICE OF FILING FOR PARTIAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND

Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC, as applicant, has filed an application for partial bond release at the Beulah Mine. The bond release area is located in Sections 7, 17, 18, 19, and 20, T.143N., R.87W., Oliver County, and Sections 12, 13, and 24, T.143N., R.88W., Mercer County, North Dakota. The bond release area is approximately 2 miles south of Beulah, North Dakota, as shown on the accompanying map. The bond release area is part of Permit KRSB-8802, which was originally approved on October 24, 1990. The permit area totals 4,906 acres.

Bond release is sought in response to the completion of backfilling and grading activities (Stage 1) followed by soil respreading activities (Stage 2). Bond release is sought for 2,851 acres under Stage 1 reclamation and 2,851 acres under Stage 2 reclamation.

The current bond coverage for Permit KRSB-8802 is \$10,382,986, effective as of October 13, 2021. As a part of this partial bond release application, Westmoreland Beulah Mining, LLC is requesting the release of \$4,648,226.27 for reclamation work completed to-date. The proportion of bond release requested for Stage 1 reclamation is \$3,098,817.51 for the completion of backfilling and grading. The proportion of bond release request for Stage 2 reclamation is \$1,549,408.76 for respreading subsoil and topsoil and reseeding. Following this bond release, the total remaining bond at the mine will be \$5,734,759.73.

Within the bond release area mining of lignite coal began prior to 1969 and concluded in 2009. Backfilling and grading followed by respreading of soil materials occurred between 1982 and 2023. Requirements of the approved reclamation plan for Stage 1 and Stage 2 reclamation have been fulfilled within the bond release area.

Written objections or requests for an informal conference or formal hearing on the bond release may be submitted by any person with a valid legal interest which

is or may be adversely affected to the Reclamation Division, Public Service Commission, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, within 30 days after the final publication of the public notice.

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