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RE: PUBLIC NOTICE: PRELIMINARY FINDINGS OF FACT HEALY VALLEY COAL EXPLORATION PERMIT E-0603b

On February 5, 2020, the Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) received a request for the reissuance of the Healy Valley Coal Exploration Permit. The request was submitted by Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc., PO Box 1000, Healy, AK 99743.

The exploration area is approximately 4 miles southeast of Healy, Alaska within, Township 12S, Range 7W, Fairbanks Meridian, Sections 21-28 and Township 12S, Range 6W, Fairbanks Meridian, Sections 10-11 and Sections 14-21.

This permit will authorize the drilling of twelve new exploration drillholes and the continued monitoring of existing monitoring wells.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.167(b) the UCM has made a proposed a reclamation bond in the amount of \$3251.17 to cover the associated reclamation liability of twelve exploration holes.

The application complies with the requirements of the Alaska Surface Coal Mining Program (AS 27.21 and 11 AAC 90). All exploration and reclamation activities are to be consistent with 11 AAC 90.167.

Copies of the Permit Application, Preliminary Findings of Fact and other supporting documents are available for review at the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, the Department's Fairbanks office at 3700 Airport Way, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, and on the Divisions website at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/>.

A person who is or may be adversely affected by the renewal of this permit may file written comments or objections and may include with an objection a request for an informal conference (AS 27.21.140). Written comments should be addressed to Russell Kirkham, Division of Mining, Land and Water, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 920, Anchorage, AK 99501-3577, or by e-mail to coalprogram@alaska.gov with the subject, "Healy Creek Exploration". **The deadline for written comments is 5:00 PM on April 27, 2020.**