

Peabody Natural Resources Company (“PNRC”), PO Box 757, Grants, NM 87020, has filed an application for Phase 1 bond release, completion of final backfilling, grading, and approved final surface configuration, lands within the El Segundo Mine, Permit No.2015-01 pursuant to the regulations at 19.8. 14.1412(A) NMAC.

The El Segundo Mine, approved as a “5 year term” permit on September 15, 2015 by the Energy and Natural Resources Department, Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”), is located in McKinley County approximately 35 miles north of Milan, New Mexico on both sides of State road 509. The El Segundo Surface Coal Mine Performance Bond for permit 2015-01 is \$62,223,730.00 to ensure the successful reclamation of disturbance within the 16,559.02 permit area dated April 5, 2016. PNRC is requesting a release of \$768,839.94 of the performance bond should this application be approved by the Director of MMD.

Phase 1 of the approved reclamation plan, backfilling, grading, and final surface configuration, was completed on areas included in the application between 2015 and 2018. Backfilling and grading, have been conducted to create a stable landscape in conformance with the approved post-mining contours in the permit. Reclamation procedures support achievement of the post-mining land use of livestock grazing. Reclamation results are tracked in Annual Reclamation Reports submitted to MMD. The total area requested for Phase 1 release is 320.9 acres located in Sections 1 of T16N R10W in the Laguna Castillo, USGS Sections 32, 33 and 34 of T17, R9W in Orphan Annie Rock USGS Quad maps; Sections 3, 4, and 5 of T16N, R9W in Piedra de la Aguila, Mesa de los Toros and Orphan Annie Rock USGS Quad Maps

A copy of the Phase 1 bond release application is available for public inspection at the McKinley County Courthouse, County Clerk’s Office, 201 W. Hill, Gallup, New Mexico; the Mother Whiteside Public Library, 1101 N First St., Grants, New Mexico; and Mining and Minerals Division in Santa Fe, New Mexico or on the New Mexico Mining Website at www.NMMines.com. Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences must be submitted to the Director of Mining and Minerals Division, 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505 within 30 days after last publication of this notice.