Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC, has made an application to the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (NMMMD) to renew the La Plata Mine and Transportation Corridor permit for a five year term to conduct surface coal mine reclamation pursuant to the requirements of 19.8 NMAC part 19.8.13.1302-1305. Notice is herby given that:

1. The name and business address of the Applicant is:

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC P. O. Box 561 Waterflow, NM 87421

2. The mine permit area is located at La Plata, New Mexico in the north central portion of San Juan County, New Mexico, approximately 18 miles north of Farmington, New Mexico, (USGS 7.5 minute quad maps Adobe Downs Ranch and La Plata). The transportation corridor is considered part of the mine permit area. The Permit Area is located within the following lands of San Juan County, New Mexico, which are described as follows:

Description of La Plata Mine and Transportation Corridor Permit Area

Mine Lease Area

A portion of T 32 N, R 12 W Sec. 7, Sec. 8, Sec. 17, Sec. 18.

A portion of T 32 N, R 13 W Sec. 13, Sec. 14, Sec. 15, Sec. 22, Sec. 23, Sec. 24, Sec. 27.

Transportation Corridor Area

A portion of T 31 N, R 13 W Sec. 7, Sec. 8, Sec. 18.

A portion of T 30 N, R 15 W Sec. 5, Sec. 6, Sec. 7.

A portion of T 30 N, R 15 W Sec. 12, Sec. 13, Sec. 14, Sec. 23.

3. Locations of where copies of the application are available for public review and/or inspection are:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division website http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/ [emnrd.state.nm.us]

Farmington Public Library 2101 Farmington Ave. Farmington, NM 87401

4. All written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference must be submitted to the following address within 30 days of the last publication of this notice.

Director New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505 JamesR.Smith@state.nm.us

- 5. Interested persons may obtain more information concerning the renewal application or coal mining rules, by contacting the applicant at (505) 598-2139 or the Director of the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division.
- 6. The mine and transportation corridor permit renewal application has been filed with NMMMD and will be acted upon pursuant to the permit regulatory program (19.8 NMAC) approved by the Director of the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division.

