

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC (WSJM), San Juan Mine has submitted an application for the Phase II and III bond release of 1,201 acres to the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) for a portion of the area currently under Permit #19-01, approved March 16, 2020. Additionally, 131 acres of undisturbed land will be included in this application. Application for bond release is submitted pursuant to 19.8.14 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

1. The name and address of the applicant is:

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

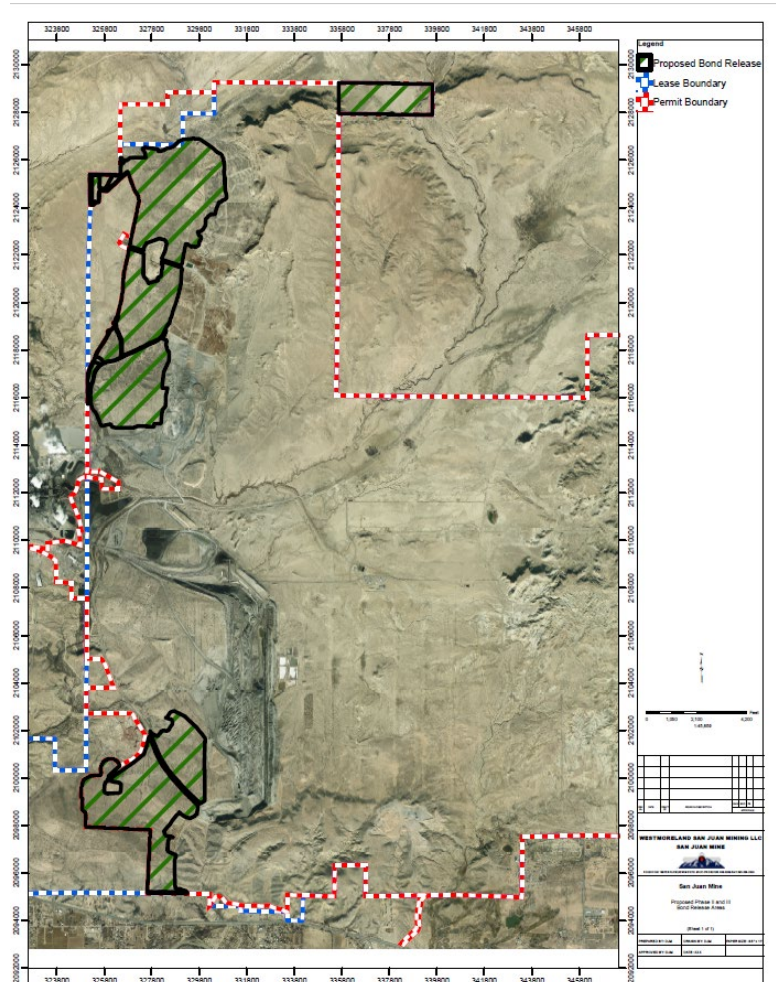
2. The San Juan Mine permit area is located approximately 16 miles west of Farmington, New Mexico. The areas requested for Phase II and III bond release are located within portions of the following lands of San Juan County, New Mexico, situated in the Waterflow, NM U.S.G.S Quadrangle.

Township 30 North Range 15 West
Section 02 – 117.7 acres (all undisturbed)
Section 03 – 22.6 acres (0.1 acres undisturbed)
Section 04 – 227.0 acres (9.9 acres undisturbed)
Section 09 – 273.9 (0.5 acres undisturbed)
Section 10 – 0.6 acres
Section 16 – 263.6 acres (1.4 acres undisturbed)
Section 32 – 4.9 acres
Section 33 – 359.7 acres

Township 29 North Range 15 West
Section 04 – 62.4 acres (2 acres undisturbed)

3. A letter of credit for \$95,390,000 is filed with New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division to satisfy the reclamation bond requirement. The applicant is seeking a determination that the vegetation has been established on the regraded mine lands and has met Phase II and III bond release standards of NMAC 19.8.14.1412.C(2). WSJM is not seeking a reduction in bond.

4. All lands within the requested bond release area have been graded to the designed post-mining topography, consistent with the approved mine plans in San Juan Mine Permit #19-01, Subpart 906 Reclamation Plan. Bulldozers were used to grade backfill materials after road and pad use was complete. Final regrade and topsoil placement were completed between 1976 and 2005. Topsoil from the disturbed areas was originally windrowed prior to construction. This topsoil was replaced once the regraded landform was complete and then seeded in accordance with permit requirements. Drainage control has been established in accordance with 19.8.20 NMAC.



5. The application for bond release is available for examination at:
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
(505) 690-8071
Farmington Public Library
2101 Farmington Ave.
Farmington, NM 87401
(505)-599-1270
Online at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/>

6. Written comments on the Phase II and III bond release application can be submitted to the MMD director at the following address:
Mr. Jerry Schoeppner
Director
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505)-476-3400
The MMD Director shall receive all written comments, objections, or requests within 30 days after the initial publication of this notice.

7. The bond release request has been filed with MMD and will be acted upon pursuant to the permanent regulatory program 19.8 NMAC.

8. Interested persons may obtain more information concerning the bond release request by contacting MMD at (505) 690-8071