

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC (WSJM LLC) has filed an application with the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) for Phase III Bond Release for 777.9 acres of land located within the La Plata Mine Permit No. 2016-01 issued on January 11, 2016. Of the 777.9 acres proposed for release, 281.1 had been previously disturbed from mining operations and then reclaimed, while the other 496.8 acres were undisturbed. Application for bond release is submitted pursuant to 19.8.14 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC).

1. The Name and Business Address of the Applicant is:

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

2. The La Plata Mine permit area is located approximately 16 miles north of Farmington, New Mexico. The 777.9 acres requested for Phase III Bond Release are located within the lands of San Juan County, New Mexico described below:

Township 32N, Range 13W, Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23

- Section 14 – 346.2 acres
- Section 15 – 79.9 acres
- Section 22 – 101.7 acres
- Section 23 – 250.1 acres
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A surety bond, amended on July 19, 2016, for \$16,681,640.00 is filed with the MMD to satisfy the reclamation bond requirement. The applicant is seeking a determination that the work necessary for Phase III Bond release has been successfully completed. WSJM LLC will be seeking a bond reduction in the amount of \$2,330,600.10.

Copies of the application are available for public review and/or inspection at the following locations:

Farmington Public Library
2101 Farmington Ave.
Farmington, NM 87401
(505)-599-1270

New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505)-690-8071

Online on the MMD website at <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/public-notices/>

3. Written comments, objections, requests for public hearing, or requests for an informal conference may be submitted to the following MMD representatives.

Director
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505
(505)-690-8071

4. The application has been filed with MMD and will be acted upon pursuant to NMAC 19.8.14.