

Public Notice – San Juan Mine Phase I Bond Release

Westmoreland San Juan Mining LLC, San Juan Mine has submitted an application for the Phase I bond release of 618 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. 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
San Juan Mine
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 I release are located within the following lands of San Juan County, New Mexico, within Sections 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 21 of T30N, R15W in the Waterflow USGS Quad Map.
3. A surety bond of \$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 work necessary for Phase I bond release has been successfully completed. SJCC will not be seeking a bond reduction.
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, and graders were used to grade backfill materials after initial placement by the truck/loader fleet. 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
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505)-476-3400

Online at <http://emnrd.state.nm.us/MMD/>

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

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6. Written comments on the Phase I 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

