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Mr. James R. Deutsch
Reclamation Director
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Re: Bond Release No. 1 – Permit BCGH-8801

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Enclosed is a copy of the Affidavit of Publication.

If you have questions, please contact me at the following address.

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Stanton, North Dakota 58571-9417

Phone no: 701-745-7242
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Sincerely,

David J. Nilson
Reclamation Administrator

Attachment

cc: Permit BCGH-8204
Mike Murray

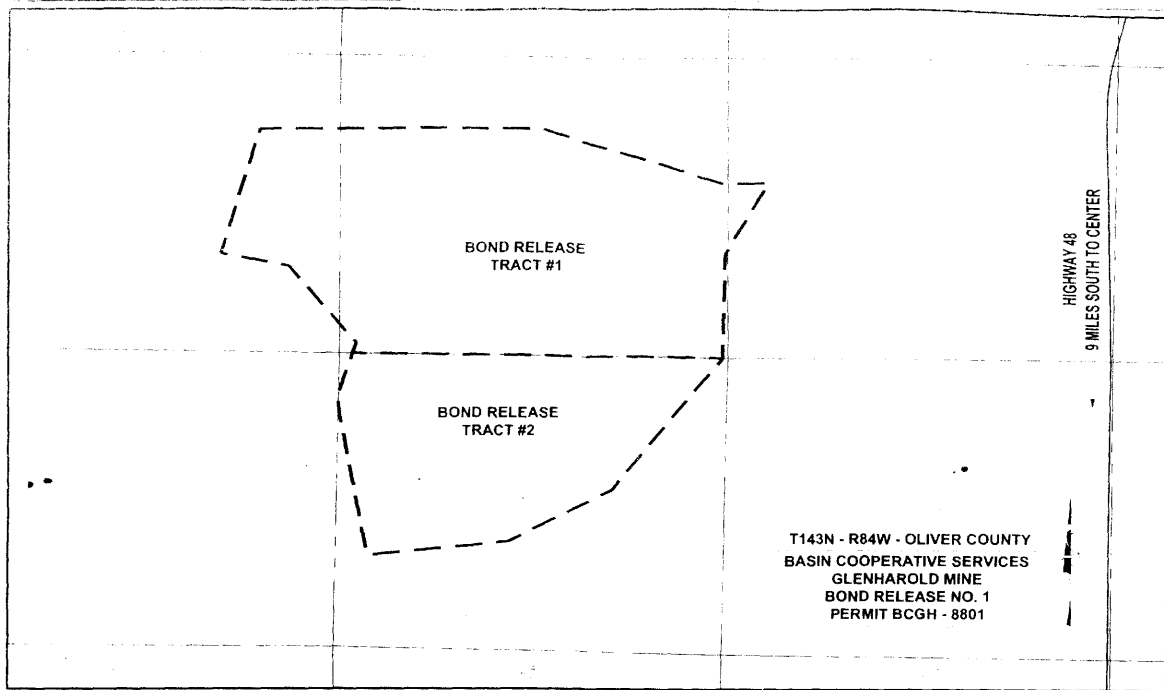
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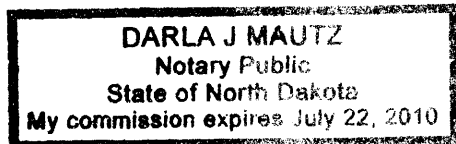
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NOTICE OF FILING FOR FINAL BOND RELEASES:

Bond Release No. 1 to Permit BCGH-8801

SURFACE COAL MINING OPERATIONS

BASIN COOPERATIVE SERVICES - GLENHAROLD MINE

Basin Cooperative Services, 1717 East Interstate Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501 has filed an application with the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Bond Release No. 1 to Permit BCGH 8801. This application includes 2 tracts within Oliver County. Tracts are located in sections 15, 16, 17 and 21 of T143N, R84W. Tract locations are shown on the accompanying map. The total combined area for both tracts is 848.56 acres.

The North Dakota Public Service Commission approved Permit BCGH-8801 on November 20, 1990. BCS is requesting PSC approval for a combination of bond release stages including backfilling and grading, soil spreading, vegetation establishment and final release.

Reclamation plans were approved by the Public Service Commission. All requirements of these plans have been completed. Permit BCGH-8801 is currently bonded for the amount of

\$2,260,706.00. Basin Cooperative Services requests a release of the entire bond amount for completion of all surface coal mining and reclamation requirements in Permit BCGH-8801.

TRACT 1

Tract 1 is 544.81 acres and is located in sections 15, 16 and 17. It is owned by Basin Cooperative Services. It was initially disturbed in the 2nd quarter of 1991. Mining began in November of 1991 and ended in October of 1992 when mining continued south into Tract 2. Grading and soil spreading began in the 3rd quarter of 1993. Approximately 46 inches of soil was replaced over the mine disturbance area including 13 inches of topsoil. Also, 13 inches of topsoil was placed on associated disturbance areas outside the mine area. Most of the disturbance area was seeded in 1995 and 1996. Woodland reclamation was completed in 1996. Remaining stockpiles and ponds were removed and seeded in 1998 and 1999. The post mine land use is native grassland. Post mine vegetation analyses demonstrate that the area has met all requirements of the reclamation plan and vegetation standards.

TRACT 2

Tract 2 is 303.75 acres and is located in Section 21. It is owned by

Duane, Marilyn and Bryan Reinhardt. The initial disturbance began in the second quarter of 1992. Mining began in July of 1992 in the northwest portion of section 21 and was completed in the northeast quarter in May of 1993. Grading and soil spreading began in the 3rd quarter of 1993. A total of 28 inches of soil was replaced over the mined area including 11 inches of topsoil that also was placed on adjacent associated disturbance areas. Revegetation operations were conducted from 1994 through 1996. Stockpiles, roads and ponds were seeded in 1998 and 1999. The post mine land use is native grassland with a small area of cropland. Post mine vegetation analyses demonstrate that the area has met all requirements of the reclamation plan and vegetation standards.

Written comments, objections, or requests for an informal conference or formal hearing on any of these bond release tracts may be submitted by any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected to the Reclamation Division, North Dakota Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, 600 East Boulevard, Bismarck, ND, 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

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