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THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY

January 3, 2012

Mr. James R. Deutsch
Reclamation Director
ND State Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Affidavit of Publication for Final Bond Release 3-2011, NAFK-8705

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Please find enclosed copies of the Affidavit of Publication for Final Bond Release 3-2011 to Permit NAFK-8705. The publication was published on December 1st, 8th, 15th, and 22nd in the Bismarck Tribune, Underwood News, McLean County Independent and Washburn Leader News.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at 250-2424.

Sincerely,

THE FALKIRK MINING COMPANY



Diana Edinger
Executive Assistant

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Attachments

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Copies of Affidavit of newspaper publication
Falkirk Mining Company
Diana Edinger



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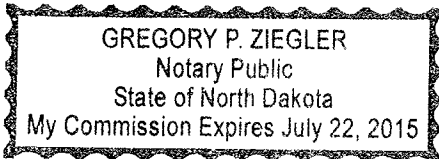
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Affidavit of Publication
 State of North Dakota) SS County of Burleigh
 Before me, a Notary Public for the State of North Dakota
 personally appeared CK who being duly sworn, deposes
 and says that he (she) is the Clerk of Bismarck Tribune Co.,
 and that the publication(s) were made through the
Bismarck Tribune on the following dates:
12/18, 15, 22 Signed Cathie Kuester
 sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th
 day of DECEMBER 20 11
Gregory P. Ziegler
 Notary Public in and for the State of North Dakota



Please return invoice or put order number on check. Thank You.

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**NOTICE OF FILING
FOR FINAL RELEASE OF RECLAMATION BOND**

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Mining and/or mining disturbance within the 217.5 acres was initiated in 1983 and completed by 1989. The majority of the area was mined and/or used for spoil placement. County Road 14 on the northern edge of the bond release tract was not disturbed. Final grading to post-mining contour on these portions was completed with scrapers and dozers, with motor graders assisting in the spring of 1997. Areas within the bond release were subject to a variance from the 3-year reclamation clock. SPGM respread and initial seeding was completed in 1998.

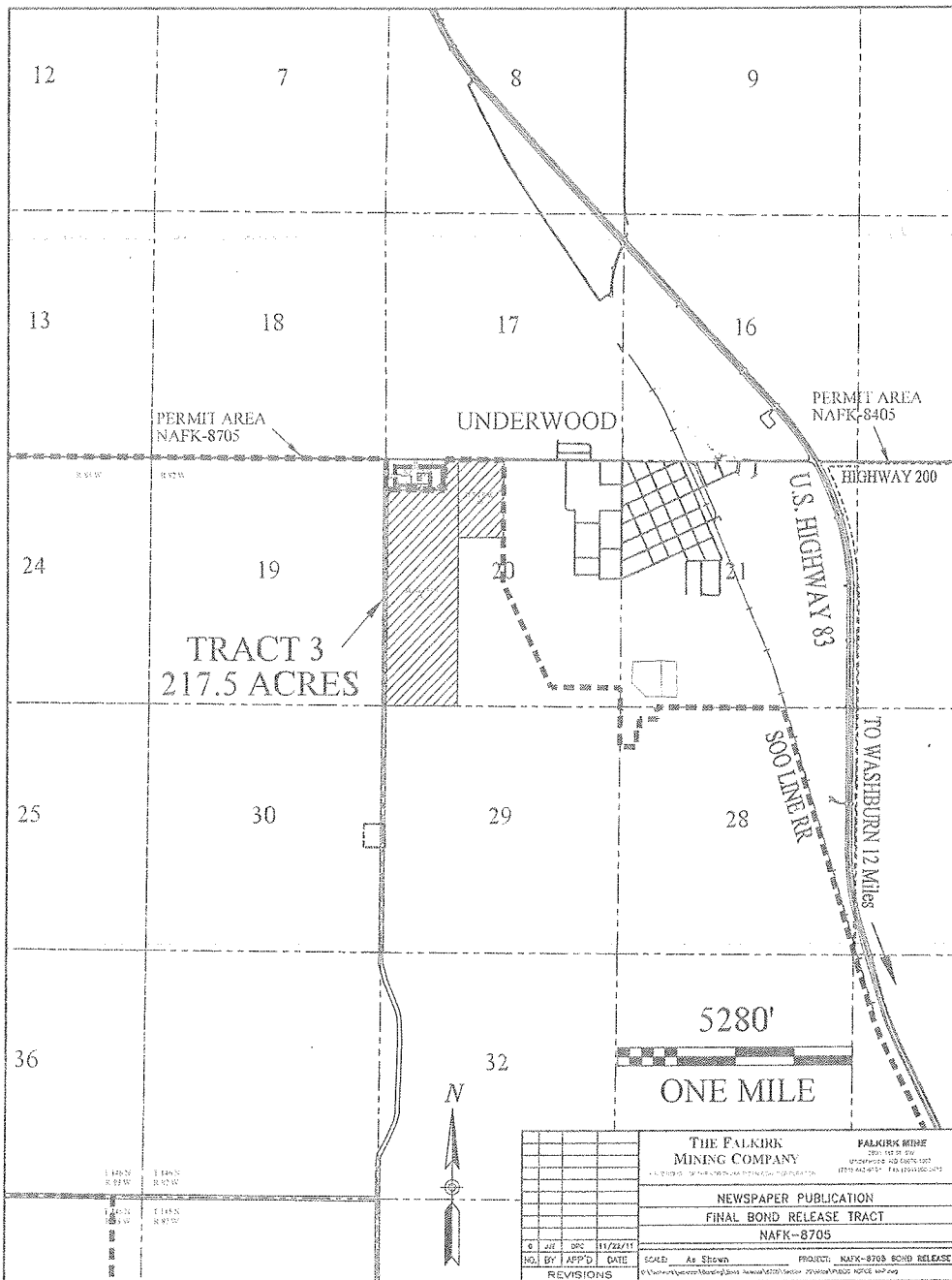
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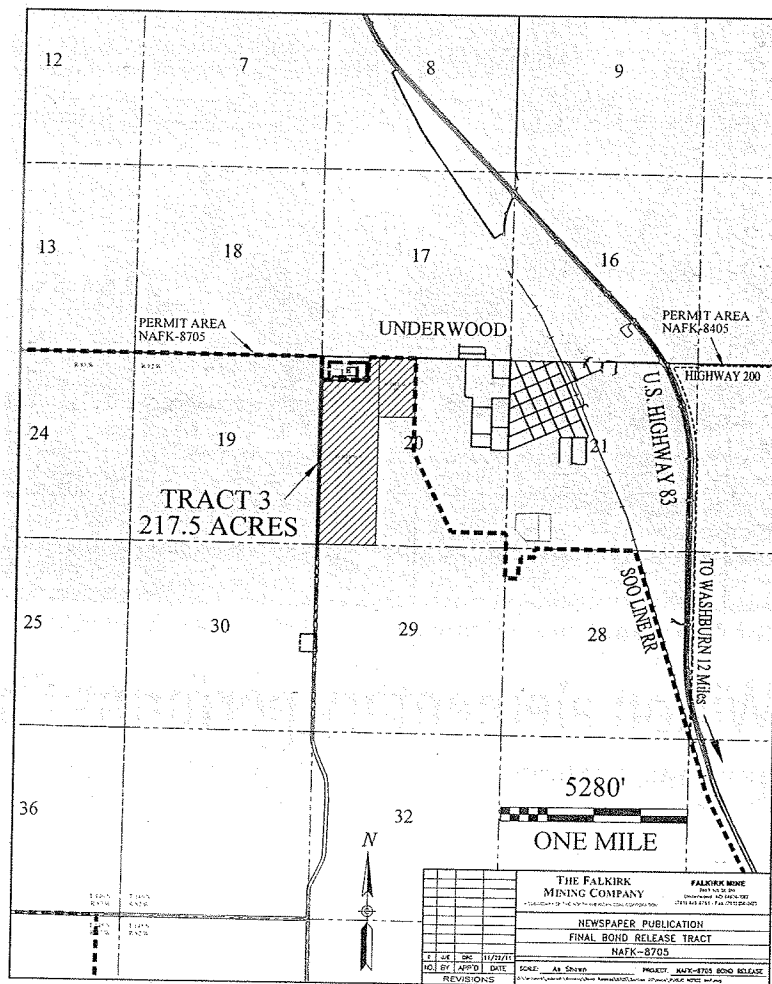
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LN Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2011

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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COUNTY OF McLean)

I SHELLEY CHASE, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the Underwood News, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Underwood, that the advertisement headed:

FALKIRK MINING CO UN-NOTICE OF FINAL RELEASE RECLAMATION BOND/LEGAL

a printed copy of which is here annexed, was published in the regular and entire issue of said newspaper during the period and time of publication, and that the notice was published in the newspaper proper, and not in a supplement,

for 4 consecutive week 12/22/2011 to wit:

Column Inches 20	\$5.65	\$113.00	12/01/2011
Straight Matter Lines 20	\$0.67	\$113.00	12/08/2011
Column Inches 20	\$5.65	\$113.00	12/15/2011
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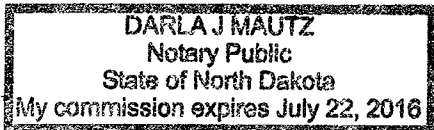
Notary Fee \$1.00 Total Cost of Legal \$453.00

Shelley Chase

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of December A.D. 2011.

(Seal) *Darla J. Mautz*
Notary Public, State of North Dakota

My Commission Expires



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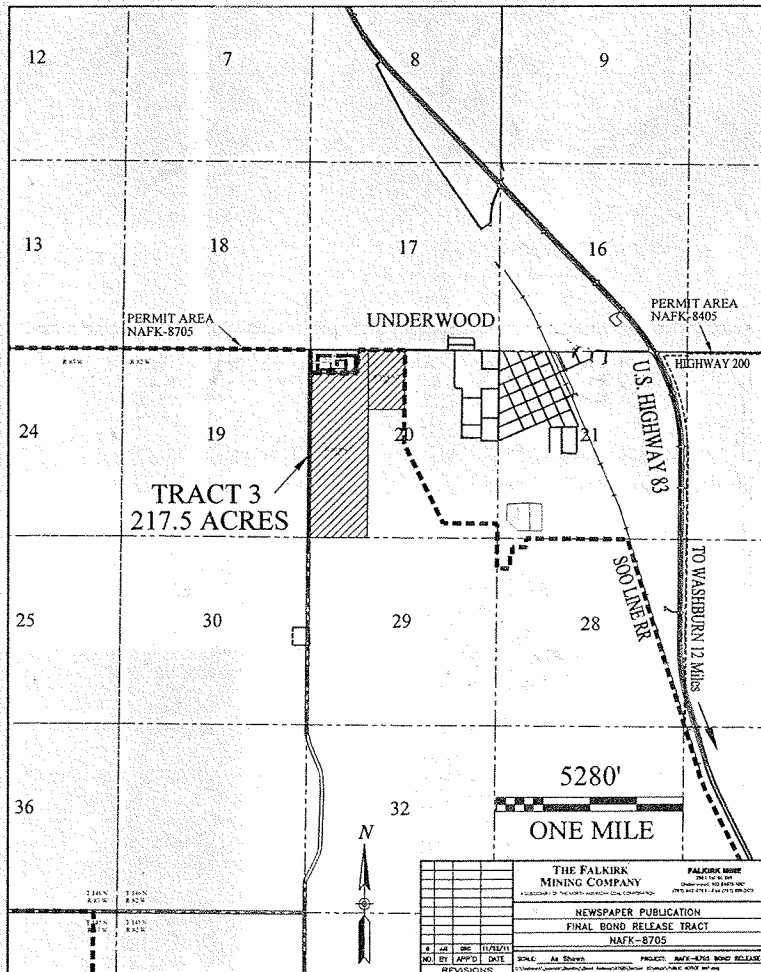
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I SHELLEY CHASE, being first duly sworn, on my own oath, say, that I am the bookkeeper of the McLean County Independent, a weekly newspaper of general circulation, published in the city of Garrison, that the advertisement headed:

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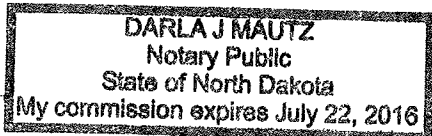
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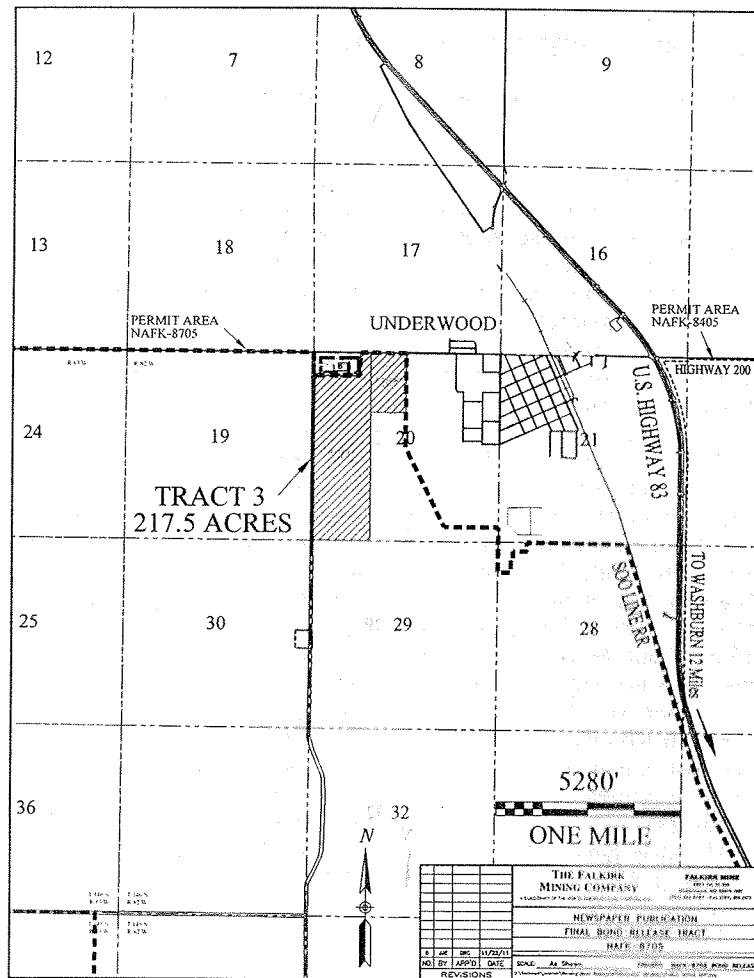
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