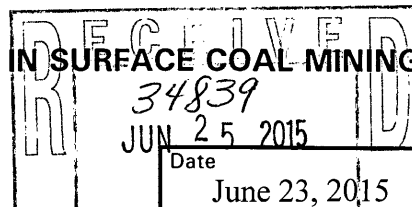




APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
RECLAMATION DIVISION
SFN 10566 (Rev. 12-99)



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| Name of Permittee Dakota Westmoreland Corporation | | Permit Number KRSB-8802 | Date June 23, 2015 |
| Address PO Box 39 | City Beulah | State ND | Zip Code 58523 |

The above named hereby makes application for Renewal Number 5 of the above Permit Number in order to continue to engage in surface coal mining and reclamation operations within the area described below in the permit during the period from October 23, 2015 to October 23, 2020.

The reasons for requesting the renewal is attached and any changes to the matters set forth in the approved Permit are particularly described in the accompanying revision application.

The applicable public notice provisions of Section 38-14.1-18 of the North Dakota Century Code have been complied with. A copy of the advertisement is attached and affidavits of publications will be furnished to the Commission prior to issuance of the Permit Renewal.

Bond for surface coal mining and reclamation operations and liability insurance will be provided for the proposed period of renewal. Attached is a statement evidencing that the bond is sufficient and will continue in full force for the renewal period and that liability insurance will be provided for the renewal period.

| LOCATION | | | | ACRES |
|-----------------------------|----------|-------|--------|----------------|
| SECTION | TOWNSHIP | RANGE | COUNTY | |
| 10,11,12,13, 14,15, & 24 | 143N | 88W | Mercer | 2,197.0 |
| 7, 8, 17, 18, 19 & 20 | 143N | 87W | Oliver | 2,708.9 |
| TOTAL ACRES | | | | 4,905.9 |

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| Signature of Official <i>Shane Gant</i> | Title President |
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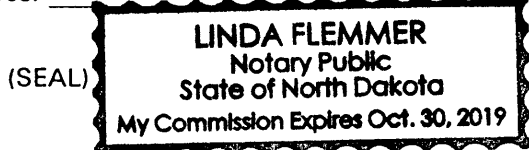
VERIFICATION

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| Name of Official Shane Gant |
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I, the above named, being first and duly sworn, verify that the information contained in the Permit Renewal Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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| Signature of Official <i>Shane Gant</i> | Title President |
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 2015. My commission expires: Oct 30, 2019



Linda Flemmer
Notary Public

DAKOTA WESTMORELAND CORPORATION

Mine: Beulah Mine
Permit Number: KR5B-8603
Renewal No.: 5
Submittal Dates: June 23, 2015

Renewal Request Narrative

Coal removal has been completed from this permit area. Renewal No. 5 will allow for the final reclamation of portions of the permit area to be completed during the five-year period commencing October 23, 2015.

Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Bond Narrative

Surface coal mining bond 64S103557522 for permit KR5B-8802 is issued on a continuous basis and shall remain in full force and effect from April 30 through April 30, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38-14.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code. The bond amount is sufficient to perform the required work for the worst-case reclamation condition in the permit area. This bond will be maintained during the ensuing five-year renewal term.

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation's bonding agent is Willis of Tennessee, Inc., 265 Brookview Centre Way, Suite 505, Knoxville, TN 37919.

Liability Insurance Narrative

A Certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided to the Public Service Commission for the Beulah Mine and will be maintained during the ensuing five-year renewal term.