



May 8, 2017

Vermilion County Clerk Courthouse Annex - 1st Floor 6 North Vermilion Street Danville, IL 61832

Dear Sir or Madam:

Peabody Midwest Mining, LLC is required by law to notify you of our intention to request bond release at our Riola Mine Complex, Riola Portal located in Vermilion County, Illinois.

The request is for 240.5 acres of Phase I release, 234.5 acres of Phase II release, and 0.0 acres of Phase III release of the surety bond now held on a portion of reclaimed land at the mine. The request includes the following landowners or utilities within/adjacent to permit area:

Mary L. Mann Mary Burgoyne George Obernagel Illinois Power Company Olivet Public Water District

Elvis Black Ray Compton

John Ramey Ameritech Midwestern Gas

Vermilion Grove Water Corp.

Vermilion County Clerk

Glen Brooks

Illinois Department of Transportation (I.D.O.T.)

Please review the enclosed Legal Notice, which will run in Commercial News, for further details of the bond release request. You may contact me at (812) 922-1015, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David Reeves

Authorized Representative

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PEABODY MIDWEST MINING, LLC

Enclosure

Notice of Completed Reclamation and Request for Bond Release

Company: Peabody Arclar Mining L.L.C. Mine: Riola Mine Complex, Riola Portal

Permit #'s: 338 Date of Issuance: 03/00
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The request areas are located in Sections 27,28,33,&34, T18N-R12W, Vermilion County Illinois. The amount of bond currently held for each Permit and acres requested for each phase of release is:

Permit #	\$ Currently Held on Permit	Phase I (60%) Grading Completed	Phase II (25%) Vegetation Established	Phase III (15%) Final Reclamation
338	\$773,310.00	80.2	74.2	0.0
350	\$1,760,850.00	160.3	160.3	0.0
Total	\$2,534,160.00	240.5	234.5	0.0

The current bond release includes; 36.4-acres of phase II Prime Farmland Cropland (PFC) within permit #338, 1.5-acres of phase II Prime Farmland Cropland (PFC) within permit #350 as well as 24.3-acres of High Capability Cropland (HCC) within permit #350 which meets all crop productivity requirements under 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816 and 1823.

The areas in the bond release request were affected by mining operations during the year(s) 1995-2017. The reclamation work was performed from 1995-2004.

Written comments or objections to the proposed bond release and requests for a public hearing or informal conference, pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1800.40(e), may be filed with the Department by any person with a valid legal interest which might be adversely affected by release of the bond, or the responsible officer or head of any Federal, State, or local governmental agency which has jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to any environmental, social, or economic impact involved in the operation or which is authorized to develop and enforce environmental standards with respect to such operations. The comments, objections or requests for hearing or informal conference, if any, shall be filed within thirty (30) days following the last advertisement of this notice. Comments, objections and requests for hearing or informal conference may be sent to Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines & Minerals - Land Reclamation Division, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702.