

APPROVED SURETY BOND FOR SURFACE MINING

BOND NUMBER: _____

TO BE FILLED IN BY DEPARTMENT PERMIT NO. _____

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That _____ doing business as _____ The
Principal(s), and (name) _____ (address) _____ as
surety, are held and firmly bound unto THE STATE OF MARYLAND, in the just & full sum of
_____ Dollars (\$ _____), to the payment whereof, well and truly to be made, we
bind ourselves, our personal representatives, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by
these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH THAT, WHEREAS, the above bound
principals, in pursuance of the provisions of the Surface Mining Law, State of Maryland, are about to
obtain, from the Director of the Land and Materials Administration of the State of Maryland, a permit to
conduct the operation of Open Pit Mining of _____, and will carry on this business of such
mining by modifying the surface of land situated in the County of _____, in the State of
Maryland, at or near _____. NOW, THEREFORE, the
conditions of this obligation are such that if the above bound principal faithfully and fully performs the
requirements set forth in the Surface Mining act of 1975, as amended, and in the Permit and the Mining

Reclamation Plan issued pursuant thereto and faithfully and fully performs the requirements set forth in those rules and regulations of the Maryland Department of the Environment pertaining to reclamation of mined lands, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise the obligation shall be of full force and effect.

And the Surety to this bond, for value received, agrees that no amendment to existing laws, rules or regulations, no adoption of new laws, rules or regulations shall alter its obligation on the Surety bond, and does hereby waive notice of any such amendment, adoption, or modification.

The Surety bond shall be effective from the _____ day of _____, 20____ and remain in full force for the duration of said permit, or any renewal thereto, and for a period of five years thereafter unless released prior thereto in a manner provided in the Surface Mining Act of 1975, State of Maryland. The Surety bond cannot be cancelled by the surety except after not less than 90 days written notice by registered mail to the Department and to the Operator.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said principal(s) have hereunto set their hands and signed, sealed and dated this _____ day of _____, 20____, and the said surety has caused its corporate name to be hereunto signed and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed by its officer or authorized agent.

WITNESS:

_____	_____
(SEAL)	(SEAL)
_____	_____
	Principal(s) (SEAL)
	BY _____
	(AFIX SEAL)

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