

**SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC
BLUE RIDGE MINE, P-3747**

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ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

P A R T I

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STATE OF ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

- Transfer Application for a Surface Coal Mine
 Transfer Application for an Underground Coal Mine
 Transfer Application for a Preparation Facility

NAME OF CURRENT PERMITTEE: Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc.
ADDRESS: P.O. Box 361370 , Birmingham, AL 35236

PART I A. IDENTIFICATION

1. PERMIT APPLICANT

Name: Seminole Coal Resources, LLC
Street Address: 15 Appledore Lane
City: Natural Bridge State: VA Zip: 24578
Mailing Address: 15 Appledore Lane
City: Natural Bridge State: VA Zip: 24578
Telephone Number: (540)-290-2121
Social Security Number (Voluntary): - - - - -
Employer Identification Number: 81-1321795
ASMC License#: L-0850

2. ENTITY OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION FEES

Name: Seminole Coal Resources, LLC
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City: Natural Bridge State: VA Zip: 24578
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Social Security Number (Voluntary): - - - - -
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ASMC License#: L-0850

3. IDENTIFY THE OPERATOR FOR THIS MINE IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PERMITTEE

Name: SAME AS PERMITTEE
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone Number: () - - - - -
Social Security Number (Voluntary): - - - - -
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License#: _____

4. CONTACT PERSON FOR PERMIT REVIEW ISSUES AND CORRESPONDENCE

Name: McGehee Engineering, Corp.
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 3431, 450 19th Street West
City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35502
Telephone Number: (205) 221-0686
Email Address: jwhitlock@mcgehee.org

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PART I B. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

1. PERMIT APPLICANT OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

At the time of filing of this application provide an update of all information contained in the applicant's license file or certify that the information contained in the license is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part I A through Part I F of the License application form. Check one of the following:

A license update is included.

Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

2. OPERATOR OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

If someone other than the permittee has been identified as the operator under this permit, an update of the ownership and control information contained in the operator's license file must be provided or certify that the information contained in the license file is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part I A through Part I F of the License application form. Check one of the following:

A license update is included.

Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

3. CONTROL OF MINING OPERATION THROUGH CONTROL OF COAL TO BE MINED.

Provide the information below for any person or entity who owns or controls the coal to be mined under this permit and who, by lease, sublease, or other contract:

A. has the right to receive the coal after mining, or,

B. has the authority to determine the manner in which the operator or permittee conducts surface coal mining operations.

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW IF NECESSARY)

Name: **Seminole Coal Resources, LLC**

Street Address: **15 Appledore Lane**

City: **Natural Bridge** State: **VA** Zip: **24578**

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-21**

(SEE PERMIT MAP)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**

Legal owner(s) of record: **RANDY & CHRISTIE HUNT**

Address: 551 Key Lane City: Oakman State: AL Zip: 35579

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining. Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
LEASE	RANDY & CHRISTIE HUNT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Pending Verification	NO
ASSIGNMENT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC	Pending Verification	NO

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-22**

(SEE PERMIT MAP)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**

Legal owner(s) of record: **TAFT FAMILY LIMITED, ETAL.**

Address: P.O. Box 662 City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35502

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
LEASE	TAFT FAMILY LIMITED, ETAL	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Pending Verification	NO
ASSIGNMENT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC	Pending Verification	NO

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-23**

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**

Legal owner(s) of record: **CHARLES G. & PHILLIP A. CHURCHMAN**

Address: 289 Nimblewill Way City: Lilburn State: GA Zip: 30247

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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LEASE	CHARLES G. & PHILLIP A. CHURCHMAN,	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Pending Verification	NO
ASSIGNMENT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC	Pending Verification	NO

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-24**

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): SURFACE

Legal owner(s) of record: MELVA SHAW- KENT SHAW TRUSTEE OF UNIFIED CREDIT TRUST C/O KAYE SHAW.

Address: 22 Moss Oak Court City: Fairhope State: AL Zip: 36532

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

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Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
LEASE	MELVA SHAW	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Pending Verification	NO
ASSIGNMENT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC	Pending Verification	NO

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-25**

(SEE PERMIT MAP)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): SURFACE

Legal owner(s) of record: ANABELLE TURNER C/O JIMMIE COURINGTON 5/28 INT.

Address: 1068 Dutton Hill Road City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35501

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

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Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
LEASE	ANABELLE TURNER C/O JIMMIE COURINGTON	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	Pending Verification	NO
ASSIGNMENT	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	SEMINOLE COAL RESOURCES, LLC	Pending Verification	NO

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **S-26**

(SEE PERMIT MAP)

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): SURFACE

Legal owner(s) of record: RANNIE & CHARLOTTE BLANTON

Address: 908 Blanton Lane City: Parrish State: AL Zip: 35580

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

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Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
N/A	RANNIE & CHARLOTTE BLANTON	TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES, INC.	NO LEASE BEING SOUGHT	NO

All of this property has a Phase 3 Bond Release.

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

2. OWNERSHIP OF SURFACE AND MINERAL LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE AREA TO BE MINED.
INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide the information below for the owners of record of all surface and mineral properties contiguous to any part of the proposed permit area.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY

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Name: JOHN & RUBY SIDES, JOHN C. JR. & SHERRI LYNN SIDES.

Address: 15 Dixie Springs Road

City: Oakman State: AL Zip: 35579

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: JAMES THURSBY & JOHN OLIVER, C/O NATHAN A. & ROSE WOLFE.

Address: 114 Inglewood Drive

City: Tuscumbia State: AL Zip: 35674

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA.

Address: P.O. Box 870106

City: Tuscaloosa State: AL Zip: 35487

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: TAFT COAL SALES & ASSOCIATES.

Address: P.O. Box 361370

City: Birmingham State: AL Zip: 35236

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: RANDY & CHRISTIE HUNT.

Address: 551 Key Lane

City: Oakman State: AL Zip: 35579

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: TAFT FAMILY LIMITED, ETAL.

Address: P.O. Box 662

City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35502

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: CHARLES G. & PHILLIP A. CHURCHMAN

Address: 289 Nimblewill Way

City: Lilburn State: GA Zip: 30247

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Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: ANABELLE TURNER C/O JIMMIE COURINGTON 5/28 INT.

Address: 1068 Dutton Hill Road

City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35501

Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

Name: RANNIE & CHARLOTTE BLANTON

Address: 908 Blanton Lane

City: Parrish State: AL Zip: 35580

Interest owned (Surface Coal or Fee Simple): Surface

Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): Owner

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

3. INTERESTS OR PENDING INTERESTS IN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE PERMIT AREA.

INSTRUCTIONS:

THE APPLICANT HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY LANDS OR CONTIGUOUS LAND
OTHER THAN THE PERMITTED AREA.

Give the legal description of all lands contiguous to the permit area for which the permit applicant:

1. Holds an interest,
2. Holds an option, or
3. Has made a bid for ownership, lease or other interest.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY

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Legal description: _____

Describe the nature of the interest: _____

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PART I D. PERMIT AREA INFORMATION

1. Give the requested term of this permit: 5 years.
2. Give the legal description of the land upon which the applicant proposes to conduct surface coal mining operations. List each quarter-quarter section, section, township, range, and county.

SE/NE, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/SE, SE/SE, NW/SE of Section 35; SW/SE, NW/SE, NE/SW, SE/SW, SW/SW, NW/SW, NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/NW, NW/NW, SW/NE of Section 36 all in Township 15 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama; NW/NE, SW/NE, NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/NW, NW/NW of Section 1; NE/NE, SE/NE, NW/NE, NE/NW of Section 2 all in Township 16 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama.

3. Give the acreage of the permit, each increment and the type of bonding.

a. Total permit acreage: 456 Acres

- b. Give the acreage and type of bond for each mining increment:

<u>Increment</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type Bond Proposed</u>
1.	75	Phase 3 Bond Release
2.	73	Phase 3 Bond Release
3.	82	Phase 3 Bond Release
4.	107	Phase 3 Bond Release
5.	43	Phase 3 Bond Release
6.	76	Surety Bond

- c. Identify the increment(s) on which mining will initially begin upon issuance of this permit: Inc. No. 6

4. Has any acreage in the proposed permit area been previously disturbed by mining? () YES () NO

If yes, supply the following for any and all previously disturbed areas:

- a. Show the boundaries of the previously disturbed area(s) on the permit map and identify with an appropriate symbol.

See approved Permit Map

- b. List, for each area, the permit number under which it was disturbed and the number of acres. Indicate the status of each permit as Unreleased, Grading released, or 100% released. (If no permit, indicate as such)

<u>Permit</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>NA</u>	<u> </u>	<u>Pre-Law</u>

5. Is disturbance to be conducted within 300 feet, measured horizontally, from an occupied dwelling?

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() YES (XX) NO.

If YES, attach a signed waiver from the owner of the dwelling indicating the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed by the owner.

6. Is disturbance proposed within 100 feet of a public road right-of-way or will a public road be closed or relocated?

() YES (XX) NO.

If YES, enclose a copy of the approval granted by the government entity which has jurisdiction over the road. The approval must state the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed to the road or road right-of-way.

7. List all other licenses and permits required to conduct mining operations including, but not limited to, MSHA I.D. and NPDES. Give the identification or permit number, the name and address of the issuing authority, and the status or date of approval or issuance of each:

Permit	ID or Permit Number	Issuing Authority	Address	Status or date of issuance
MSHA ID	01-03037	MSHA	228 West Valley Ave. Birmingham, AL 35209	Transfer Pending
NPDES	AL0068811	ADEM	1751 Federal Drive Montgomery, AL 36110	Transfer Pending

8. Is the property in the permit covered by zoning or other land use restrictions? () YES (XX) NO.

If yes, indicate the jurisdictional authority and zoning or landuse restriction for the entire permit area. If more than one zoning classification exists for the permit area, identify the boundaries of each on the permit map.

Jurisdictional Authority	Zoning Classification	Allows mining? Yes or No
<u>N/A</u>	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. Describe access to the proposed mine from a known point on the nearest public highway:

From the intersection of State Highway 69 South and County Road 20 in Oakman, Al go approximately 0.8 miles east on County Road 20 to the Dixie Springs Road on right, go south along Dixie Springs Road 2.2 Miles to access road on left.

10. Did the applicant receive assistance from the Small Operator Assistance Program in preparing this application?

() YES (XX) NO

If YES, list SOAP I.D. Number: _____

11. Submit a certificate of proof of Liability Insurance with this application. Submitted to ASMC on 2-12-16

PART I E. PUBLIC NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION

12. Give the name of the approved public office in which a copy of this application will be filed for public inspection following notification of completeness: Alabama Surface Mining Commission website <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>.

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13. Enclose a copy of the notice of filing of this application which will appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the mine and identify the name of the newspaper: **See Attachment I-E-13**

ATTACHMENT I-E-13

PUBLIC NOTICE FILING OF PERMIT APPLICATION

In accordance with the provision of Act No. 81-435 of the State of Alabama and the regulations promulgated under this act, Seminole Coal Resources, LLC, 15 Appledore Lane, Natural Bridge, VA 24578 hereby gives notice that it has filed application to succeed by transfer to the rights granted under ASMC Coal Mining Permit P-3747 currently held by Taft Coal Sales & Associates, Inc., P.O. Box 361370, Birmingham, AL 35236. The operation is known as Blue Ridge Mine.

SE/NE, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/SE, SE/SE, NW/SE of Section 35; SW/SE, NW/SE, NE/SW, SE/SW, SW/SW, NW/SW, NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/NW, NW/NW, SW/NE of Section 36 all in Township 15 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama; NW/NE, SW/NE, NE/NW, SE/NW, SW/NW, NW/NW of Section 1; NE/NE, SE/NE, NW/NE, NE/NW of Section 2 all in Township 16 South, Range 8 West, Walker County, Alabama.

From the intersection of State Highway 69 South and County Road 20 in Oakman, Al go approximately 0.8 miles east on County Road 20 to the Dixie Springs Road on right, go south along Dixie Springs Road 2.2 Miles to access road on left.

A copy of the permit application is available for public inspection and review on the Alabama Surface Mining Commission website <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>. A copy of the permit application is also available for public inspection and review at the office of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission located on the second floor of the Pinnacle Bank Building at 1811 2nd Avenue, Jasper, Alabama 35501. Written comments, objections, request for public hearing or request for informal conferences concerning this permit should be sent to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390, no later than 30 days from the last date of publication of this notice.

This notice to be published in the Daily Mountain Eagle Newspaper.

TO THE DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE:

Please run this notice one time on Tuesday, February 16th. Please send invoice and notarized proof of publication to:

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Telephone (205) 221-0686