BEST COAL, INC.

NARLEY MINE, P-3850

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

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STATE OF ALABAMA
SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

(X) Renewal Application for a Surface Coal Mine
( ) Renewal Application for an Underground Coal Mine
( ) Renewal Application for a Preparation Facility

PART I A. IDENTIFICATION

1. PERMIT APPLICANT
Name: **Best Coal, Inc.**
Street Address: **9865 Highway 269**
City: **Parrish** State: **AL** Zip: **35580**
Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 1608**
City: **Jasper** State: **AL** Zip: **35502**
Telephone Number: **(205)-686-0055**
Social Security Number (Voluntary): ___-__-____
Employer Identification Number: _____
ASMC License#: **L-0568**

2. ENTITY OR PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ABANDONED MINE LAND RECLAMATION FEES
Name: **Best Coal, Inc.**
Street Address: **9865 Highway 269**
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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**

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.

_X_ Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application. No update is included.

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.

_X_ Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application. No update is included.

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)

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PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS

1. OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY TO BE MINED AND RIGHT OF ENTRY.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Show the property ownership boundaries of each parcel of land in the permit area on the permit map or an overlay of the same scale as the permit map. If the surface estate is severed from the mineral estate, show and describe the ownership of each estate separately. In the spaces below, identify:

1. Every current legal or equitable owner(s) of record (as found in a standard search of title) of the property;
2. The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the property; and,
3. Any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the property.

Describe the basis of the applicant's legal right to enter and mine on all properties contained in the permit application. If the mineral estate has been severed from the surface estate, describe the basis of the legal right to enter and mine both the surface and mineral separately. Give the nature of such right (i.e. lease, deed, contract, etc.), where recorded, describe from whom, to whom, and the date executed, and whether that right is the subject of pending litigation.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol**: ALAWEST-AL LLC. (F) SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **FEE**
Legal owner(s) of record: **ALAWEST – AL LLC.**
Address: **P.O. BOX 412** City: **NORTHPORT** State: **AL** Zip: **35476**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL__ 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	ALAWEST – AL LLC.	BEST COAL, INC.	7-17-03 AMENDED ON 1-13-2012	YES

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **WILLIAM A. COUSINS (S)_SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**
Legal owner(s) of record: **WILLIAM A. COUSINS**
Address: **P.O. BOX 352** City: **MT. OLIVE** State: **AL** Zip: **35117**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL__ 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	WILLIAM A. COUSINS	BEST COAL, INC.	10/23/2003	YES

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **ROGER W. & RUTH W. DYER (S) SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**
Legal owner(s) of record: **ROGER W. & RUTH W. DYER**
Address: **7720 OLD MOUNT OLIVE RD** City: **GARDENDALE** State: **AL** Zip: **35071**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL_ 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	ROGER W. & RUTH W. DYER	BEST COAL, INC.	10/23/2003	NO

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **JOHN & NORMA HUGULEY (S) SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **SURFACE**
Legal owner(s) of record: **JOHN & NORMA HUGULEY**
Address: **181 HORSESHOE DR** City: **QUINTON** State: **AL** Zip: **35130**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL_ 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	JOHN & NORMA HUGULEY	BEST COAL, INC.	07/15/2008	NO

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **GEORGE HUDDLESTON (M)_SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **MINERAL**
Legal owner(s) of record: **HUDDLESTON MINERALS, LLC**
Address: **540 SOUTH PERRY STREET** City: **MONTGOMERY** State: **AL** Zip: **36104**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL_ 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	HUDDLESTON MINERALS, LLC	BEST COAL, INC.	07/15/08	NO

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: **GEORGE HUDDLESTON (M)_SEE PERMIT MAP**
Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): **MINERAL**
Legal owner(s) of record: **DURMMOND COMPANY INC.**
Address: **P.O. BOX 1549** City: **JASPER** State: **AL** Zip: **35502**
Holders of leasehold interest: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _AL_ 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	DRUMMOND COMPANY INC.	BEST COAL, INC.	MINING COMPLETE – NO LEASE REQUIRED	NO

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: **ALAWEST – AL LLC.**
Address: **P. O. BOX 412**
City: **NORTHPORT** State: **AL** Zip: **35476**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE & FEE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

Name: **WILLIAM A. COUSINS**
Address: **P.O. BOX 352**
City: **MT OLIVE** State: **AL** Zip: **35117**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

Name: **ROGER W. & RUTH W. DYER**
Address: **7720 OLD MT OLIVE RD**
City: **GARDENDALE** State: **AL** Zip: **35071**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

Name: **JOHN & NORMA HUGULEY**
Address: **181 HORSESHOE DR**
City: **QUINTON** State: **AL** Zip: **35130**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

3. <u>INTERESTS OR PENDING INTERESTS IN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE PERMIT AREA.</u>
<u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u>

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: _____

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Describe the nature of the interest:_____

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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.

SW/SW of Section 18, SW/SW, NW/SW, SW/NW & NW/NW of Section 19, Township 15 South, Range 3 West; NE/SE, SE/SE, SW/SE, NW/SE, SE/SW & SW/SW of Section 13, NE/NE, SE/NE, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/SE, SE/SE, SW/SE, NW/SE, NE/NW & SE/NW of Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 4 West, all in Jefferson County, Alabama.

3. Give the acreage of the permit, each increment and the type of bonding.
   a. Total permit acreage: **518.0** acres

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

Increment	Acres	Type Bond Proposed
1.	78.0	Phase III Released
2.	62.0	Phase III Released
3.	155.0	Phase III Released
4.	180.0	Certificate of Deposit
6.	43.0	Certificate of Deposit

   c. Identify the increment(s) on which mining will initially begin upon issuance of this permit: Inc. No. 4

4. Has any acreage in the proposed permit area been previously disturbed by mining? (XX) 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 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)

Permit	Acres	Status
N/A	19.0	Pre-Law

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

PART I D. (CONTINUED)

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	01-03285	MSHA	228 West Valley Ave. Birmingham, AL 35209	2/05/04
NPDES	AL0075752	ADEM	1751 Federal Drive Montgomery, AL 36130	11/01/03

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
Jefferson County Zoning Board	I-3-S	Yes

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

From Mt. Olive, Alabama, travel North on Mt. Olive Rd. approximately 3.6 miles to the intersection of Mt. Olive Rd. and Old Mt. Olive Rd. Turn left onto Old Mt. Olive Rd. and travel approximately 0.75 miles to the intersection of Old Mt. Olive Rd. and Glovers Bend Rd. Turn left onto Glovers Bend Road and travel approximately 0.85 miles to the mine entrance on the 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.

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 and Alabama Surface Mining Commission website http://surface-mining.alabama.gov

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

BEST COAL, INC.
NARLEY MINE, P-3850

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, Best Coal, Inc., 9865 Highway 269, Parrish, Alabama 35580 is filing an application to renew its Narley Mine (P-3850), Surface Mine. Access to the mine is as follows:

From Mt. Olive, Alabama, travel North on Mt. Olive Rd. approximately 3.6 miles to the intersection of Mt. Olive Rd. and Old Mt. Olive Rd. Turn left onto Old Mt. Olive Rd. and travel approximately 0.75 miles to the intersection of Old Mt. Olive Rd. and Glovers Bend Rd. Turn left onto Glovers Bend Road and travel approximately 0.85 miles to the mine entrance on the left.

SW/SW of Section 18, SW/SW, NW/SW, SW/NW & NW/NW of Section 19, Township 15 South, Range 3 West; NE/SE, SE/SE, SW/SE, NW/SE, SE/SW & SW/SW of Section 13, NE/NE, SE/NE, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/SE, SE/SE, SW/SE, NW/SE, NE/NW & SE/NW of Section 24, Township 15 South, Range 4 West, all in Jefferson County, Alabama.

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 Alabama Messenger.

TO THE ALABAMA MESSENGER:

Please run this notice on the following dates: **3/02, 3/09, 3/16 & 3/23/2024.**

Please send invoice and notarized proof of publication to:

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Jasper, AL 35502-3431
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c/o Jacob Guthrie