



January 19, 2012

Dr. Randy Johnson, Director  
**Alabama Surface Mining Commission**  
P. O. Box 2390  
Jasper, AL 35502-2390

RE: **Tuscaloosa Resources, Inc.**  
East Brookwood Mine, P-3852, R-7

Dear Dr. Johnson:

Southland Resources, Inc. wishes to request a delay in contemporaneous reclamation in Increment No. 4 for the above referenced permit. As shown on the cut layout map and Attachment III-A-1 in Part III of the permit application, a section of highwall in Increment No. 4 will be left un-reclaimed for approximately eighteen (18) months to allow time for the design and approval for MSHA sized Slurry Impoundment No. 4. MSHA review and approval typically requires 12 – 18 months.

Thank you for your consideration and if you should have any questions or need additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

**McGehee Engineering Corp.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Aldridge". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeff Aldridge