BEST COAL, INC.

SLOAN MOUNTAIN MINE NO. 2, P-3913, R-10

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

P A R T I I I

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PART III - OPERATION PLAN

A. General Operation Information

1. Describe the type and method of coal mining procedures and major equipment to be used. (780.11)

   See Attachment III-A-1

1 Track-hoe	1 Blast hole drill
2 Rock trucks	1 Fuel and service truck
3 Dozers	3 Loaders

2. Describe the sequence and timing of increments to be mined (as shown on permit map) over the total life of the permit. (780.11)

   See previously approved Operation Plan Map

   The timing increments are as follows:

Increment No.	Acres	Dates	
		From	**To**
6	39.0	Currently Bonded	Life of Mine
7	27.0	Disturbance is complete	
3	3.0	Reclamation is complete	
1	413.0	Reclamation is complete	
2	100.0	Phase III release granted	

   * The Effective Date depends on the date of issuance of permit.

   The sequence of mining operations will be generally as follows:

   1) Construction of sediment control structures
   2) Clearing and grubbing
   3) Topsoil removal, if required
   4) Overburden drilling and blasting
   5) Overburden removal
   6) Coal Recovery
   7) Grading
   8) Revegetation

B. <u>Engineering Plans.</u>

All cross sections, maps and plans related to operations, reclamation and structures must comply with Section 780.10. Plans, appropriate calculation and conclusions shall be presented in a clear and logical sequence and shall take into account all applicable factors necessary to evaluate the proposed plan or design.

1. Existing Structures. (780.12, 786.21)

(a) Describe each existing structure to be used, its location, current condition, approximate dates of construction and evidence (including relevant monitoring data) showing whether or not the structure meets the performance standards of Subchapter K or Subchapter B, whichever is more stringent and demonstrate whether or not the use of existing structures will pose a significant harm to the environment or public health or safety.

Not Applicable

(b) If an existing structure requires modification or reconstruction to meet the performance standards, attach a compliance plan that includes design specifications, construction schedule, monitoring procedures, and evidence that the risk of harm to the environment or public health or safety is not significant during modification or reconstruction.

Not Applicable

2. Ponds, impoundments, banks, dams and embankments. (780.25)

(a) Submit a general plan which complies with Section 780.25 (a)(1) for each proposed sedimentation pond, water impoundment, and coal processing waste bank, dam or embankment to be located within the proposed permit area.

See Attachment III-B-2-A

(b) Submit detailed design plans, which comply with Sections 780.25(a)(2)(3) and 816.46, for each sedimentation pond to be constructed on the increment you currently propose to mine. If the sediment pond is to remain as a permanent water impoundment, design plans shall also comply with Section 816.49.

None Proposed

(c) Submit detailed design plans which comply with Sections 780.25(a) (2&3) and 816.49, for each temporary or permanent water impoundment to be constructed on the increment you currently propose to mine.

None Proposed

(d) Submit detailed design plans, which comply with Section 780.25(a) (2&3) and 816.81-816.85, for coal mine waste bank to be constructed on the increment you currently propose to mine.

None Proposed

(e) Submit detailed plans which comply with Sections 780.25 (a)(2&3) and 816.91-816.93 for each coal mine waste dam and embankment to be constructed on the increment which you currently propose to mine.

See Attachment III-B-2-A

GENERAL ENGINEERING PLAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Jordan McGehee, a registered professional engineer, hereby certify that the information, cross-sections, data, maps, etc., contained in this general plan in Attachment III-B-2-A is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

McGehee Engineering Corp.

Jordan McGehee, P.E.	Date
Alabama Reg. No. 37129	

ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL PLAN

This addendum to the general plan consists of changing the post mining land use of Sediment Basins 011 & 011A from permanent (fish & wildlife habitat) to temporary (industrial/commercial).

See previously approved **Watershed Map** for basin location.

All sediment basins are located in Jefferson County, Alabama and are found on the Creel U.S.G.S. Quadrangles.

GENERAL DESIGN DATA

SEDIMENT BASIN	LOCATION	DRAINAGE AREA ACRES
011	SE/NW of Section 6 T15S, R3W	224.0
011A	NE/NW & NW/NW of Section 6 T15S, R3W	188.0