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Dr. Randall C. Johnson, Director
Alabama Surface Mining Commission
PO Box 2390
Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390

Re: Haley Brothers Coal, Inc.
Little Spring Creek - East Mine
Request Delay in Contemporaneous Reclamation

Dear Dr. Johnson:

On behalf of Haley Brothers Coal, Inc. we respectfully request a delay in contemporaneous reclamation in Increments No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 for the above referenced permit. As illustrated on the "Cut Layout Map" and Operation Plan in Attachment III-A-1 of the permit application, sections of highwalls adjoining the next increments to be mined will be left unreclaimed for periods of time.

TASK Engineering Management Inc. respectfully request the following cut areas to remain open to maintain adequate spoil areas for the proposed area mining cut sequences at this site. In Increment No. 1, the west terminus of Cuts 1-1 through 1-5 will be left open approximately two (2) months to allow adequate spoil room for Cuts 1-6 through 1-17. In Increment No. 2, the west terminus of Cuts 2-15 and 2-16 will be left open approximately one (1) year to allow adequate spoil room for Cuts 4-18 and 5-1. In Increment No. 3, the west terminus of Cuts 3-1 through 3-28 will be left open approximately one (1) year to allow adequate spoil room for Cut 5-1. In Increment No. 4, the west terminus of Cuts 4-2 through 4-18 will be left open approximately one (1) year to allow adequate spoil room for the future mining of Little Spring Creek - West and Cut 4-18 will be left open for a period of one (1) year to allow adequate spoil room for Cuts 5-1 through 5-24. In Increment No. 5 the west terminus of Cuts 5-19 through 5-24 will be left open for a period of nine (9) months to allow adequate spoil room for the future mining of Little Spring Creek - West. All highwalls other than the west terminus of Cuts 1-1 through 1-5 will be eliminated as mining advances in the adjoining increments. Cuts 1-1 through 1-5 will be eliminated as mining advance changes to the north/northeast direction in Cuts 1-6 through 1-17.

Thank-you in advance for your consideration of this request and if you have any questions or need additional information, please call us at (205) 978-5070.

Sincerely,

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