BEST COAL, INC.

LITTLE SPRING CREEK EAST MINE, P-3968, R-12

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)

   Major equipment to be used includes but may not be limited to:

2	Backhoe Excavators	2	Drills
4	Loaders	2	Fuel and Service Truck
3	Dozers	3	Rock Trucks
2	Coal Crushers (Portable)	2	Coal Tandems

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)

   The timing increments are as follows:

Increment No.	Acres	Dates From	Dates To
1	171.0	Mining is Complete	
2	75.0	Active	12 Months After
3	160.0	Mining is Complete	
4	154.0	Active	12 Months After
6	38.0	Issuance of Permit	Life 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

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.

See Attachment III-B-2-A

(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.

See Attachment III-B-2-A

(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.

None Proposed

GENERAL ENGINEERING PLAN CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Sanford M. Hendon, 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.

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Sanford M. Hendon, P.E. Date

Alabama Reg. No. 18208

ADDENDUM TO THE GENERAL PLAN

This addendum to the general plan consists of changing the post mining land use of Sediment Basins 002, 003 & 004 from temporary (undeveloped/no current use) to permanent (fish & wildlife habitat). Additional data qualifying all basins proposed as permanent water impoundments will be submitted and approved by the Regulatory Authority prior to a Phase II bond release.

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

All sediment basins are located in Walker County, Alabama and are found on the Jasper Quadrangles.

GENERAL DESIGN DATA

SEDIMENT BASIN	LOCATION	DRAINAGE AREA ACRES
002	NE/SE of Section 3 T13S, R7W	60.58
003	NE/SE & SE/NE of Section 3 T13S, R7W	192.96
004	NW/SE & SW/NE of Section 3 T13S, R7W	410.18