BEST COAL, INC.

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

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

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PART V - BONDING

A. Site Conditions (805.11)

(1) Briefly describe the site conditions within the increment which you are currently proposing to mine by answering the following:

(a) Average premining slope 12.6 %

(b) Percent sandstone 17.0 %

(c) Final highwall slope (average) 29.0%

(d) Acres Prime Farmland 0.0

(e) Acres Abandoned Land 0

(f) Average pH of topsoil or topsoil substitute 6.0

*Note: If pH range over the increment area is greater than one pH unit (units 1 thru 14), give approximate number of acres which fall within each unit. Average pH = 6.0

(g) Overburden acid-base account (expressed as tons of calcium carbonate per 1,000 tons material)
(only if total sulfur exceeds 0.5%). N/A

B. Estimate of Reclamation Cost (780.18)

Give a detailed estimate of your cost of reclamation for the increment you are currently proposing to mine. Give individual cost estimates for grading, highwall elimination, topsoil (or topsoil substitute) replacement, revegetation and any other cost which may be applicable (prime farmland, hydrologic factors, etc.).

Bonding calculations to be performed by the ASMC.