

**BEST COAL, INC.
CANE CREEK MINE, P-3910**

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ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

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PART I B. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL

1. PERMIT APPLICANT OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

At the time of filing of this application provide an update of all information contained in the applicant's license file or certify that the information contained in the license is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part I A through Part I F of the License application form. Check one of the following:

A license update is included.

Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application.
No update is included.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

2. OPERATOR OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL.

If someone other than the permittee has been identified as the operator under this permit, an update of the ownership and control information contained in the operator's license file must be provided or certify that the information contained in the license file is accurate and complete. The updated information shall be submitted on Part I A through Part I F of the License application form. Check one of the following:

A license update is included.

Information contained in the license file is accurate and complete at the time of filing of this application.
No update is included.

Following notification that the permit appears eligible for issuance, the applicant must certify that all information in this application and the license file pertaining to ownership and control, surface mining history and violation history is still valid or the applicant must submit the appropriate update information.

3. CONTROL OF MINING OPERATION THROUGH CONTROL OF COAL TO BE MINED.

Provide the information below for any person or entity who owns or controls the coal to be mined under this permit and who, by lease, sublease, or other contract:

- A. has the right to receive the coal after mining, or,
- B. has the authority to determine the manner in which the operator or permittee conducts surface coal mining operations.

(USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW IF NECESSARY)

Name: **Best Coal, Inc.**

Street Address: **9865 Highway 269**

City: **Parrish** State: **AL** Zip: **35580**

Mailing Address: **9865 Highway 269**

City: **Parrish** State: **AL** Zip: **35580**

Telephone Number: **(205)-686-0055**

Social Security Number (Voluntary): **- -**

Employer Identification Number:

ASMC License#: **L-0568**

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PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS

1. OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY TO BE MINED AND RIGHT OF ENTRY.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Show the property ownership boundaries of each parcel of land in the permit area on the permit map or an overlay of the same scale as the permit map. If the surface estate is severed from the mineral estate, show and describe the ownership of each estate separately. In the spaces below, identify:

1. Every current legal or equitable owner(s) of record (as found in a standard search of title) of the property;
2. The holders of record of any leasehold interest in the property; and,
3. Any purchaser of record under a real estate contract of the property.

Describe the basis of the applicant's legal right to enter and mine on all properties contained in the permit application. If the mineral estate has been severed from the surface estate, describe the basis of the legal right to enter and mine both the surface and mineral separately. Give the nature of such right (i.e. lease, deed, contract, etc.), where recorded, describe from whom, to whom, and the date executed, and whether that right is the subject of pending litigation.

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Legal description of property or permit map symbol: (M-1)

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Mineral

Legal owner(s) of record: **Drummond Company, Inc.**

Address: P.O. Box 1549 City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35502

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: AL Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining. Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry(If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes,explain
LEASE	DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC.	CANE CREEK, LLC.	04-14-08	NO

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PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: (S-2)

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface

Legal owner(s) of record: Edward D. Burton, William C. Burton, & Jerry T. Burton

Address: 430 Debardeleben Rd. City: Jasper State: AL Zip: 35504

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: AL Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

Describe the type of document or conveyance which grants the right of entry, disturbance or mining. Indicate from whom the right was acquired and to whom the right was granted. If the grantor of the right is not the owner(s) of property, identify all grantors and grantees of the right beginning with the owner(s) and ending with the permit applicant.

Describe Right of Entry (If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes, explain
LEASE	ANNIE RUTH BURTON	CANE CREEK, LLC.	04-24-13	NO

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

Legal description of property or permit map symbol: S-1

SEE PERMIT MAP

Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): Surface

Legal owner(s) of record: **Jenella Burton**

Address: **3602 Third Avenue** City: **Jasper** State: **AL** Zip: **35501**

Holders of leasehold interest: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Purchasers under a real estate contract: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Description of right to enter or mine:

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Describe Right of Entry(If deed indicate where recorded):	Granted From:	Granted To:	Date Granted:	Litigation Pending? (Yes or No) If yes,explain
LEASE	JENELLA BURTON	CANE CREEK, LLC.	09/26/08	NO

PART I C. PROPERTY OWNERSHIP, INTERESTS AND RIGHTS (CONTINUED)

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

2. OWNERSHIP OF SURFACE AND MINERAL LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE AREA TO BE MINED.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Provide the information below for the owners of record of all surface and mineral properties contiguous to any part of the proposed permit area.

USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY

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Name: **DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC.**
Address: **P.O. BOX 1549**
City: **JASPER** State: **AL** Zip: **35502**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **MINERAL**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

Name: **EDWARD D., WILLIAM C., & JERRY T. BURTON**
Address: **430 DEBARDELEBEN RD.**
City: **JASPER** State: **AL** Zip: **35504**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

Name: **JENELLA BURTON**
Address: **3602 THIRD AVENUE**
City: **JASPER** State: **AL** Zip: **35501**
Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): **SURFACE**
Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): **OWNER**

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

3. INTERESTS OR PENDING INTERESTS IN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE PERMIT AREA.
INSTRUCTIONS:

THE APPLICANT HAS NO INTEREST IN ANY LANDS OR CONTIGUOUS LAND
OTHER THAN THE PERMITTED AREA.

Give the legal description of all lands contiguous to the permit area for which the permit applicant:

1. Holds an interest,
2. Holds an option, or
3. Has made a bid for ownership, lease or other interest.

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Legal description: _____

Describe the nature of the interest: _____

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PART I D. PERMIT AREA INFORMATION

1. Give the requested term of this permit: 5 years.
2. Give the legal description of the land upon which the applicant proposes to conduct surface coal mining operations. List each quarter-quarter section, section, township, range, and county.

NW/SW, NE/SW, SW/SW & SE/SW of Section 27, SE/SE, NW/SE, NE/SE & SW/SE of Section 28, NE/NE & NW/NE of Section 33, SW/NW, SE/NW, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/NW & NW/NW of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 7 West, all in Walker County, Alabama.

3. Give the acreage of the permit, each increment and the type of bonding.

a. Total permit acreage: 274 acres

- b. Give the acreage and type of bond for each mining increment:

<u>Increment</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Type Bond Proposed</u>
1.	50	100% Released
2.	49	100% Released
3.	29	Surety (Phase II Released)
4.	75	Surety (Phase II Released)
5.	59	Surety (Phase II Released)
6.	12	Surety (Phase II Released)

- c. Identify the increment(s) on which mining will initially begin upon issuance of this permit: Mining operations at this facility have ceased.

4. Has any acreage in the proposed permit area been previously disturbed by mining? (XX) YES () NO

If yes, supply the following for any and all previously disturbed areas:

- a. Show the boundaries of the previously disturbed area(s) on the permit map and identify with an appropriate symbol.

SEE PERMIT MAP

- b. List, for each area, the permit number under which it was disturbed and the number of acres. Indicate the status of each permit as Unreleased, Grading released, or 100% released. (If no permit, indicate as such)

<u>Permit</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Status</u>
<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Pre-Law</u>

5. Is disturbance to be conducted within 300 feet, measured horizontally, from an occupied dwelling?

() YES (XX) NO.

If YES, attach a signed waiver from the owner of the dwelling indicating the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed by the owner.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FILING OF PERMIT APPLICATION

In accordance with the provision of Act No. 81-435 of the State of Alabama and the regulations promulgated under this act, Best Coal, Inc., 9865 Highway 269, Parrish, AL 35580 hereby gives notice that it has filed application to succeed by transfer to the rights granted under ASMC Coal Mining Permit P-3910 currently held by Cane Creek, LLC, 9865 Highway 269, Parrish, AL 35580. The operation is known as Cane Creek Mine.

From the intersection of AL Highway 269 and Hay Valley Road in Walker County, travel north on AL Highway 269 for approx. 0.4 miles to the mine entrance on the right side of the road.

NW/SW, NE/SW, SW/SW & SE/SW of Section 27, SE/SE, NW/SE, NE/SE & SW/SE of Section 28, NE/NE & NW/NE of Section 33, SW/NW, SE/NW, SW/NE, NW/NE, NE/NW & NW/NW of Section 34, Township 14 South, Range 7 West, all in Walker County, Alabama.

A copy of the permit application is available for public inspection and review on the Alabama Surface Mining Commission website <http://surface-mining.alabama.gov>. A copy of the permit application is also available for public inspection and review at the office of the Alabama Surface Mining Commission located on the second floor of the Pinnacle Bank Building at 1811 2nd Avenue, Jasper, Alabama 35501. Written comments, objections, request for public hearing or request for informal conferences concerning this permit should be sent to the Alabama Surface Mining Commission, P.O. Box 2390, Jasper, Alabama 35502-2390, no later than 30 days from the last date of publication of this notice.

TO THE DAILY MOUNTAIN EAGLE:

Please run this notice one time as soon as possible.

Best Coal, Inc.
9865 Highway 269
Parrish, Alabama 35580
Telephone (205) 686-0055

Also, please send a notarized proof of publication to:

McGehee Engineering Corp.
P. O. Box 3431
Jasper, AL 35502-3431
Telephone (205) 221-0686

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please call: (205) 221-0686