



United States Department of the Interior
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT

(Bank Letterhead)

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF CREDIT

Beneficiary: United States Office of Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)
1999 Broadway, Suite 3320
Denver, Colorado 80202-5733

Issuing Bank: _____
(Name)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Telephone)

Permit Number: _____

Letter of Credit Number: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Date of Issue: _____ Date of Expiry: _____

Ladies/Gentlemen:

On behalf of _____,
(Permittee/Applicant for L/C) (Address)

we (Bank) hereby establish an Irrevocable Letter of Credit (LOC) payable in part or full to the United States Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM), available by draft(s) in an amount not to exceed _____ (\$ _____), upon receipt of a written demand by OSM pursuant to 30 CFR §800.50.

This Letter of Credit is effective _____ (Date) _____, _____ (Year) _____, and will expire at the close of business on _____ (Date) _____, _____ (Year) _____. However, this letter of credit will automatically be extended for periods of _____ year(s) from any scheduled expiration date (as originally scheduled or automatically extended) unless ninety (90) days prior to such date we notify you in writing by certified mail, return receipt requested, that we elect not to renew this Letter of Credit for such additional period.

Upon receipt of such notice, you may draw on us at sight for the amount of this Letter of Credit beginning thirty (30) days or less prior to the then-applicable expiration date, accompanied by a statement signed by the OSM Bond-Approving Officer or his/her designee certifying that the amount of the drawing represents funds due OSM because the permittee has failed to replace this Letter of Credit by other suitable bond or letter of credit pursuant to 30 CFR §800.21(b)(2) and 30 CFR §800.30.

We certify that the amount of the credit herein established will not be reduced for any reason during the period of this instrument without the written consent of OSM.

Permit No. _____ L/C No. _____

Pursuant to 30 CFR §800.16(e)(1), we will give prompt notice to the permittee and to the OSM Bond-Approving Officer of any notice received or action filed alleging the insolvency or bankruptcy of the Bank, or alleging any violations of regulatory requirements which could result in suspension or revocation of the Bank's charter or license to do business.

In the event the Bank becomes unable to fulfill our obligations under this Letter of Credit for any reason, we shall give immediate notice to the permittee and to the OSM Bond-Approving Officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Bank has hereunto set its signature and seal this day of _____, _____.

_____(Issuing Bank)

_____(Authorized Officer's Printed Name and Title)

_____(Authorized Officer's Signature)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

On this _____ day of _____, _____, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County of _____, in the State of _____ appeared _____ to me personally known who, being by me duly sworn, did say that he/she is _____ of _____, the Bank named in and which executed the within instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the seal of said Bank, and that said instrument was signed, sealed and delivered on behalf of said Bank by authority of its Board of Directors, and he/she, as such officer, acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said Bank for the uses and purpose of said instrument as therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on the day, month and year aforesaid.

My Commission Expires: _____
Notary Public in and for said County and State

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

We use the information required by this form to ensure that the requirements for posting a letter of credit as a collateral bond under 30 CFR 800.21 have been met. You must provide the requested information to obtain a benefit (a collateral bond that relies upon an irrevocable letter of credit). Under 30 CFR 842.16, the information collected is a matter of public record.

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