BEST COAL, INC.

SLOAN MOUNTAIN MINE NO. 3, P-3251, R-22

ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION SURFACE MINING PERMIT APPLICATION

PART I

Prepared by:

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Fee:			

ASMC USE ONLY

Bond Required:

Date Approved:

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT REVISION

Name of Permittee: **Best Coal, Inc.**

License Number: <u>L-568</u> Complete Permit Number: <u>P-3251-01-23-S</u>

Expiration Date of Permit: <u>February 28, 2023</u> Revision Number: <u>R-22</u>

Mine Name: Sloan Mountain Mine No. 3

The nature of Revision R-22 is as follows:

- 1. Transfer 32.0 mining acres, 81 acres for Final Cut Impoundment #1 and 9.0 acres of ancillary access from Increment No. 7 to Increment No. 8.
- 2. Modify the Operation Plan to change the proposed cut alignment and add auger / highwall mining.

Identify any conditions placed on this permit which would relate to the proposed revision being requested:

None.

Attach detailed estimate of effect of proposed revision on reclamation costs.

STATE OF ALABAMA SURFACE MINING COMMISSION

(XX) Permit Application for a Surface Coal Mine

Email Address: jwhitlock@mcgehee.org

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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:

<u>X</u>	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:

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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)

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USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IN THE FORMAT BELOW AS NECESSARY Page 1 of 7 Legal description of property or permit map symbol:__ S-1, M-1, F-1 SEE PERMIT MAP SURFACE, MINERAL, & FEE Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both): _____ Legal owner(s) of record: DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. Holders of leasehold interest: Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Purchasers under a real estate contract: ___ City: _____ State: AL Zip: ___ Description of right to enter or mine:

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.	M. S. & R. EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	03-20-2019	NO
ASSIGNMENT	M. S. & R. EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	BEST COAL, INC.	03-15-2021	NO

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Legal owner(s) of record:SCO			
Address:3468 GOBBLERS I	KNOB RD. City:	<u> WARRIOR</u>	State: <u>AL</u> Zip: <u>35180</u>
Holders of leasehold interest:			
Address:	City:		State: Zip:
Purchasers under a real estate contract:			
Address:			
Description of right to enter or mine:	3		

Describe Right of	Granted	Granted	Date	Litigation Pending?
Entry(If deed	From:	To:	Granted:	(Yes or No)
indicate where				If yes,explain
recorded):				
PHASE,III	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO
RELEASE;				
NO LEASE				
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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both):					
Legal owner(s) of record: EDWARD & PA	ATRICIA KEY				
Address: 3484 GOBBLERS KNC	DB RD. City:	WARRIOR	State: _ <u>AL</u>	Zip:	35180
Holders of leasehold interest:					
Address:	City:		_ State:	Zip:	
Purchasers under a real estate contract:					
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Legal owner(s) of record: EMORY COLB	<u>ERT WRIGHT</u>				
Address: <u>3515 GOBBLERS KNO</u>	B RD. City:	WARRIOR	State: _ <u>AL</u>	Zip: <u>35180</u> _	
Holders of leasehold interest:					_
Address:	City:		_ State:	Zip:	
Purchasers under a real estate contract:					
Address:	City:		_ State: _ <u>AL</u>	Zip:	
Description of right to enter or mine:					

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Legal owner(s) of record: BRIAN BRASV		MINCE			
Address: 3501 GOBBLERS KNO		WARRIOR	State:	AL Zip:	35180
Holders of leasehold interest:					
Address:	City:		State:	Zip:	
Purchasers under a real estate contract:					
Address:	City:		State: _AI	Zip:	
Description of right to enter or mine:	•			_ •	

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PHASE,III RELEASE; NO LEASE REQUIRED	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both):		
Legal owner(s) of record:		
Address: P.O. BOX 412		
Holders of leasehold interest:		
Address:	City:	State: Zip:
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No Mineral	ALA-WEST AL,	BEST COAL, INC.		NO
Disturbance	LLC			
Proposed				

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Surface/Mineral/or Fee Simple (both):		MINERAL		
Legal owner(s) of record:	HU	JDDLESTON MINE	RALS, LLC	
Address:5133 SELKIRK DR.				Zip:35242
Holders of leasehold interest:				· —
Address:	City	/ :	State:	_ Zip:
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PHASE,III	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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NO LEASE				
REQUIRED				

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

2. <u>OWNERSHIP OF SURFACE AND MINERAL LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE AREA TO BE MINED.</u> 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.

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Name: _DRUMMOND COMPANY, INC. Address:
Name: _ALA-WEST AL, LLC Address:
Name: _HUDDLESTON MINERALS, LLC Address:
Name: _SCOTT WALDEN & KRISTIE DOWSWELL COX
Name: _EDWARD & PATRICIA KEY Address:3484 GOBBLERS KNOB RD. City:WARRIOR State: _AL Zip:35180 Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): _SURFACE Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other):OWNER
Name: <u>EMORY COLBERT WRIGHT</u> Address: <u>3515 GOBBLERS KNOB RD.</u> City: <u>WARRIOR</u> State: <u>AL</u> Zip: <u>35180</u> Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): <u>SURFACE</u> Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): <u>OWNER</u>
Name: BRIAN BRASWELL, JR. Address: 3501 GOBBLERS KNOB RD. City: WARRIOR State: AL Zip: 35180 Interest owned (Surface, Coal or Fee Simple): SURFACE Type of Interest (Owner, Lease, or Other): OWNER

PART I C. (CONTINUED)

3. <u>INTERESTS OR PENDING INTERESTS IN LANDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE PERMIT AREA.</u> <u>INSTRUCTIONS:</u>

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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PART I D.	PERMIT	AREA	INFORM	IATION
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1. Give the requested term of this permit:	5	years
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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.

SW/SW, SE/SW, and SW/SE of Sec. 10, SE/SE of Sec. 11, NW/NW, SW/NW, SE/NW, SW/NE, NW/NE, SE/NE, and NE/NE of Sec. 14, NW/NE, NE/NE, SW/NW, SE/NW, SW/NE, SE/NE, NW/SW, and SW/SW of Sec. 15, SE/NE, NE/SE, NE/SW, SW/SW, SE/SW, SW/SE, and SE/SE of Sec. 16, NW/NW, NE/NW, NW/NE, NE/NE, SE/NE, SW/NE, SE/NW, SW/NW, NE/SW, and NW/SE of Sec. 21; all in Township 15 South, Range 4 West; Jefferson County, Alabama.

- 3. Give the acreage of the permit, each increment and the type of bonding.
 - a. Total permit acreage: ___1,075__acres
 - b. Give the acreage and type of bond for each mining increment:

Increment	Acres	Type Bond Proposed
1	174	Phase III Bond Release
2	38	Phase III Bond Release
3	168	Phase III Bond Release
4	236	Phase III Bond Release
5	50	Phase III Bond Release
6	2	Phase III Bond Release
7	285	Surety
8	122	Surety

- c. Identify the increment(s) on which mining will initially begin upon issuance of this permit: <u>Increment No. 7</u>
- 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>
		

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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6.	Is disturbance	proposed	within	100	feet	of a	public	road	right-of-way	or	will	a publi	c road	be	closed	01
	relocated?															

() YES (XX) NO.

If YES, enclose a copy of the approval granted by the government entity which has jurisdiction over the road. The approval must state the minimum distance disturbance will be allowed to the road or road right-of-way.

7. List all other licenses and permits required to conduct mining operations including, but not limited to, MSHA I.D. and NPDES. Give the identification or permit number, the name and address of the issuing authority, and the status or date of approval or issuance of each:

Permit	ID or Permit Number	Issuing Authority	Address	Status or date of issuance
MSHA ID	_01-03180	MSHA_	1030 London Drive, Suite 400 Birmingham, AL 35211	04/09/2021
<u>NPDES</u>	_AL-0024287	ADEM	1400 Coliseum Blvd. Montgomery, AL 36130	09/19/16

8. Is the property in the permit covered by zoning or other land use restrictions? (XX) YES () NO. If yes, indicate the jurisdictional authority and zoning or landuse restriction for the entire permit area. If more than one zoning classification exists for the permit area, identify the boundaries of each on the permit map.

Jurisdictional	Zoning	Allows mining?
Authority	Classification	Yes or No
JEFFERSON CO.	I3-S	YES

- 9. Describe access to the proposed mine from a known point on the nearest public highway: N/A
- Did the applicant receive assistance from the Small Operator Assistance Program in preparing this application?
 YES (XX) NO
 If YES, list SOAP I.D. Number:
- 11. Submit a certificate of proof of Liability Insurance with this application.

PART I E. PUBLIC NOTICE AND AVAILABILITY FOR INSPECTION

- 12. Give the name of the approved public office in which a copy of this application will be filed for public inspection following notification of completeness: <u>Alabama Surface Mining Commission and Alabama Surface Mining Commission website http://surface-mining.alabama.gov</u>
- 13. Enclose a copy of the notice of filing of this application which will appear in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the mine and identify the name of the newspaper: See Attachment I-E-13

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 is filing an application to revise its Sloan Mountain Mine No. 3 (P-3251), Surface Mine. Access to the mine is as follows:

From the intersection Warrior Jasper Rd and River Rd in Jefferson Co., travel south on River Rd 0.9 miles and turn left on Goblers Knob Rd. Travel approx. 0.3 miles and turn right onto Knob Mine Rd. Travel 0.3 miles to the mine entrance.

Nature of Proposed Revision R-22:

- 1. Transfer 32.0 mining acres, 81 acres for Final Cut Impoundment #1 and 9.0 acres of ancillary access from Increment No. 7 to Increment No. 8.
- 2. Modify the Operation Plan to change the proposed cut alignment and add auger / highwall mining.

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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.

This notice to be published in the Birmingham News Newspaper.

Please run this notice once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks starting 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, and ending 8/22/2021.

Please send invoice and notarized proof of publication to: 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.