**REQUEST TO MODIFY BONDED ACREAGE**

**Operator Name:**

**Site Name:**

**Permit #:**

**County:**

**Mailing Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Email:**

**Phone #:** () -

 requests that correspondence also be emailed to the consultant for this application.

Consultant Name:  Consultant Email:

1. Purpose:
	1. **[ ] Increasing the Bonded area by changing Non-Bonded area to Bonded area** (Proceed to #2)
	2. **[ ] Decreasing the Bonded area by changing Bonded area to Non-Bonded area** (Skip to #3)
		1. affirms that the area to be changed from “Bonded” to “Non-Bonded” area has not been disturbed.
		2. understands they must bond a minimum of one acre.
		3. has attached a revised Site Map, containing identical information as the previously permitted site map, but displaying the revised Non-Bonded boundary. Refer to ARM 17.24.221(3) and map guideline for requirements.
2. has reviewed the approved plan of operation and confirms that operations to commence in the area to become bonded will comply with the existing permit.

**[ ] Yes** - If **Yes**, proceed to #3.

**[ ] No** - If **No**, proceed no further and instead submit an application to amend the permit (i.e. *Opencut*

*Mining Plan of Operation and Application*).

1. Is  bonding all the Non-Bonded area in the permit?

**[ ] Yes** -If **Yes:**

* 1. Attach a revised Site Map. The site map must be updated to meet the requirements of ARM 17.24.221, the *Map Guideline* and must display all features required by the existing permit. Do not display “non-bonded” area.

**[ ] No** - If **No:**

1. Relocate boundary markers to show the revised boundary between Bonded and Non-Bonded areas.
	* 1. Obtain location coordinates in decimal degrees that define the revised Proposed Non- Bonded boundary and enter the proposed Non-Bonded coordinates into the *Boundary Coordinate Table.*
		2. Do not submit a Proposed Permit Boundary if the site was permitted after 2011 as Opencut already has the permit boundary.
		3. Email to DEQopencut@mt.gov and format the “Subject” line: **BCT (Operator-Site Name).** The BCT is available at <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut>.
2. Attach a revised Site Map. The site map must be updated to meet the requirements of ARM 17.24.221, the *Map Guideline* and must display all features required by the existing permit.
3. **Existing Permitted Acreage Breakdown**

Prior to this request, the approved permit and existing acreage breakdown is:

\*Existing Bonded Acres**0.0**

\*Existing Bonded Access Road Acres**0.0**

\*Existing Phase I Release Acres **0.0**

\*Existing Non-Bonded Acres **0.0**

\***Total Permit Acres**  **0.0**

\*Must equal the existing permitted acreage found on the most recently approved *Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet.*

1. **Proposed Permitted Acreage Breakdown**

Once approved, the permitted acreage breakdown would be:

 Bonded Acres **0.0**

 Bonded Access Road Acres**0.0**

 Phase I Release Acres **0.0**

 Non-Bonded Acres **0.0**

 \***Total Permit Acres**  **0.0**

\*Must equal the existing permitted acreage found on the most recently approved *Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet.*

1. **Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet/Bond**
	1. Ensure that the latest *Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet* form is downloaded and completed before submitting.
	2. Attach an updated *Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet* that includes all proposed areas to be bonded.
	3. Attach a revised bond or rider that is consistent with the *Reclamation Bond Spreadsheet* (i.e. acreages and dollar amount).

 **Understands and Certifies:**

* The above information is being provided prior to commencing any Opencut operations in areas currently permitted as Non-Bonded.
* The form is complete and accurate and complies with the existing permit, including the approved *Plan of Operation*.
* The operation will be authorized under the permit and cannot commence until the Operator submits a revised bond or rider with this form, and receives **written approval** from the DEQ.

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|  | **Signature** |  | **Legibly print or type name** |
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 **Title Date**