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APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SMALL OPERATORS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR PRE-BLAST SURVEYS

1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1.2 Has the applicant filed an application for a permit for which pre-blast surveys may be required? [ ] YES [ ] NO
If YES, list permit numbers _____

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1.3 Does the applicant presently have permits which have been previously issued for which pre-blast surveys may be required? [ ] YES [ ] NO
If YES, list permit numbers _____

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1.4 Provide the following information for the applicant. (Attach additional entries as needed using the same format.)

A. List all companies engaged in coal operations in which the applicant owners more than 10 percent interest. Indicate the percentage of ownership.

COMPANY	STATE OF OWNERSHIP	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP

B. Are there any persons/companies who own more than 10 percent interest in the applicant? [ ] YES [ ] NO. If YES, provide the following information for each:

B. (Continued)

PERSON/COMPANY	STATE OF OPERATION	PERCENT OF OWNERSHIP

C. Are there any persons who directly or indirectly control the applicant by reason of direction of the management? [ ] YES [ ] NO. If YES, provide the following information for each:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

D. Are any members of the applicant's family and/or relatives involved in a coal production operation? [ ] YES [ ] NO. If YES, provide the following information for each:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

1.5 Provide the name of the company under which the coal is or will be mined.

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1.6 Is the operator on the permit the same as the applicant? [ ] YES [ ] NO
If NO, provide the following information for the operator:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

1.7 Has the applicant, any of the companies owned or controlled by the applicant, or anyone who owns or controls the applicant, reorganized a company solely for the purpose of obtaining assistance under the Small Operators Assistance Program?
[ ] YES [ ] NO

2. ATTRIBUTABLE COAL TONNAGE INFORMATION

Provide the following information for the applicant and all persons/companies identified in Items 1.4 A. - D. (Attach additional entries as needed using the same format.)

2.1 The actual coal production (Tons) for the year preceding the application for assistance for each identified operation.

COMPANY	PERMIT NO.	MSHA NO.	PRODUCTION

2.2 The estimated coal production (tons) for one year following the application for assistance for each identified operation.

COMPANY	PERMIT NO.	MSHA NO.	PRODUCTION

3. COAL MINE PERMIT APPLICATION INFORMATION

3.1 List all applications and existing permits issued to the applicant for which pre-blast surveys may be required to be conducted under this application for assistance.

3.1 (Continued)

.PERMIT NO./ OPA NO.	COUNTY	NEAREST TOWN

3.2 Provide the following information for the permits and/or applications listed in Item 3.1.

PERMIT NO./ OPA NO.	TYPE AND METHOD OF MINING	ACRES AFFECTED	ISSUE DATE OF PERMIT

3.3 Has an application been submitted to the Bureau for all applications listed in Item 3.1? [ ] YES [ ] NO. If NO, provide the following information for each application not submitted to the Bureau and Label Attachment 3.3.

A. A list of the names and addresses of all property owners, or owners of structures, within one-half mile of the proposed permit areas. The list shall identify:

(i) The owners of property within 1,000 feet;

(ii) The property owners who own dwellings or structures within 1,000 feet (indicate dwelling or type of structure on the list); and

(iii) The property owners within 1,000 feet who own wells or springs (indicate well and/or spring on the list).

B. Document(s) which show that the applicant has a legal right to enter and commence mining within the proposed permit area.

4. <u>TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ASSISTANCE</u>

4.1 All work authorized by the Bureau under the Small Operators Assistance program will be performed at no cost to the applicant. However, the applicant shall become liable for reimbursement to the Bureau of the cost of the services provided under this Program, if the applicant:

4.1 (Continued)

A. Submits false information;

B. Fails to submit a permit application within one year from the date of receipt of the approved SOAP report;

C. Fails to mine after obtaining a permit;

D. Is determined by the Bureau to have an actual and attributed annual production of coal exceeding 300,000 tons during the 12 months immediately following the date on which the assistance if provided; or

E. Sells, transfers, or assigns the permit to another person and the transferee's total and attributed production exceeds 300,000 tons during the 12 months immediately following the date on which the assistance is provided.

4.2 The Bureau may waive the reimbursement obligation if it finds that the applicant at all times acted in good faith.

5. STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, as a duly authorized representative of the applicant, do hereby acknowledge that I have reviewed the accompanying application and that to the best of my knowledge and belief all of the information is correct and complete. Furthermore, I do hereby agree to the terms and conditions for the Maryland Small Operators Assistance Program (SOAP).

Name of Applicant _____

By _____

Title _____

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn before me by _____

this _____ day of _____, 20_____

My Commission expires _____

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Notary Public

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