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Mr. Chris Blanchard
President
Performance Coal Company
P. O. Box 69
Naoma, WV 25140

Dear Mine Operator:

Subject: Mine Ventilation Plan, Section 75.370, 30 CFR 75, Upper
Big Branch Mine-South, I.D. No. 46-08436, Performance
Coal Company, Montcoal, Raleigh County, West Virginia

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The revision is approved and will be made a part of the approved ventilation plan for this mine. This approval is limited to the requested changes as described in the submittal letter and shown on the sketch.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Ventilation Department at (304) 877-3900/Ext. 142.

Sincerely,

/s/ ROBERT G. HARDMAN

Robert G. Hardman
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety and Health, District 4

cc: Mt. Hope Field Office
Inspector
Field Office Supervisor
Files/mjh

SUPERVISORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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March 10, 2010

Mr. Robert G. Hardman
Mine Safety and Health Administration
100 Bluestone Road
Mount Hope, WV 25880

Re: Performance Coal Company
Upper Big Branch Mine
MSHA ID : 46-08436
State ID: U-3042-92
Typical Face Sketch

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MSHA
MOUNT HOPE, WV

Dear Sir:

Please find the enclosed typical face sketch for the Upper Big Branch Mine for your review and approval. This face sketch depicts mining the remainder of the 1 North Headgate after passing the Panel No. 2 Crossover.

This mine currently has no miner's representative. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me at (304) 854-3516.

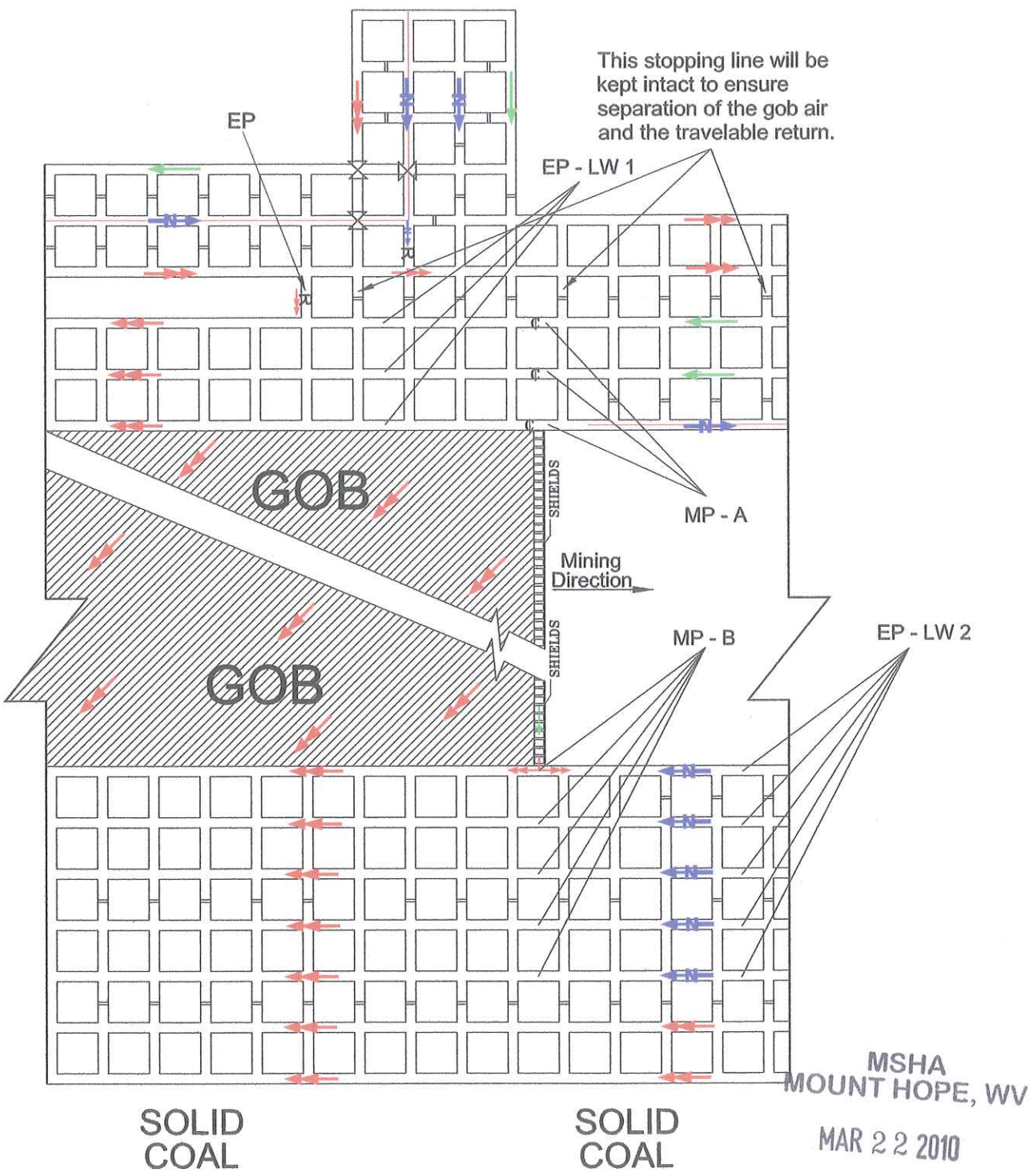
Respectfully Submitted,
Performance Coal Company, Inc.

Eric Lilly
Mine Engineer

TYPICAL LONGWALL FACE SKETCH

Performance Coal Company

Upper Big Branch Mine 46-08436 (U-3042-92)



LEGEND			
Intake		Belt	
Neutral		Overcast	
Return		Stopping	
Curtain			

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Number of entries may vary provided the ventilation scheme does not change.

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