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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE PERMIT # 861-5351

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Ferrolobe USA Mining LLC, 332 West Cumberland Gap Parkway, Suite 100, Corbin, KY 40701, has filed for a Phase I Bond Release of permit number 861-5351, Increment 1 which was last issued on 09/08/2025. The application covers an area that is located approximately 1.0 mile northeast of Ky 1809 intersection with Hubbs Creek Road and approximately 0.01 miles west of Hubbs Creek in Knox County, Kentucky. The operation is further located approximately 0.5 miles northeast of the community of Bryants Store, Kentucky. The bond now in effect is as follows:

INC-1 Surety Bond in the amount of \$80,000.00. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$80,000.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes Backfilling, re-grading, topsoil replacement, and drainage control including soil preparation and initial seeding and mulching in accordance with the

approved reclamation plan was completed 06/05/2026.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing of the informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY 40601 by 09-12-2026. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 09-15-2026, at 9:00 am at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, KY 40965-1229. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 09-12-2026

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**Sheriff Mike Smith**

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PH: (606) 546-3181 FAX: (606) 546-3196

The collection dates for the **2025 Gas and Oil Taxes** will be as follows:

- 2% discount if paid by August 31, 2026
- Face Amount if paid by September 30, 2026
- 5% Penalty if paid by October 31, 2026
- 21% Penalty if paid after October 31, 2026

Thank you,

*Mike Smith*  
Mike Smith, Knox County Sheriff

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16(5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Natural Resources, Division of Mine Permits with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Knox County.

FERROGLOBE USA MINING, LLC 9180504  
AM 4 6/26/2026

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT'S END OF YEAR FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Knox County Board of Education's 2025-2026 End of Year Financial Reports are available for review. You may view the reports online on the Knox County School's Web Site.

The School District web site link to view the reports electronically is:

<https://www.knoxkyschools.com/departments/finance>

On the right side of this page Click on "End of Year Finance Reports (FY26)". You will then see a listing of the financial reports that contains year to date data that can be viewed for the end of year 2025-2026. These reports are:

Unaudited Balance Sheet FY26  
Unaudited Annual Financial Report FY26  
Vendor Listing FY26

Questions or comments about any of the reports should be directed to Mrs. Casey Owens, Finance Director at 200 Daniel Boone Drive, Barbourville, KY 40906, or by calling 606-645-2830.

#### IN THE FAMILY COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

In Re: The Child of  
Nicholas Lee Lawrence,  
Petitioner

And

Katie Snowden Peery,  
Respondent

Civil Action No. 26-D-226

The object of this suit is to establish an allocation of custodial responsibility for Xander Lee Lawrence, age 8, whose date of birth is August 3, 2017, and for Katie Snowden Peery, as the Respondent mother, to be served via publication.

It appearing by Affidavit filed in this action, that Katie Snowden Peery appears to be a nonresident of the State of West Virginia, or has an unknown address.

It is hereby ORDERED that Katie Snowden Peery serve upon Paige Flanigan, Petitioner's attorney, whose address is 1407 E. Main Street, Princeton, WV 24740, an Answer including any related Counterclaim or defense that you may have to the Petition for Allocation of Custodial Responsibility with regard to Xander Lee Lawrence, on or before Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. If you fail to Answer the Petition for Allocation of Custodial Responsibility, a judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. A copy of said Petition can be obtained from the Mercer County Clerk's Office, 1501 Main Street, Princeton, WV 24740.

You are hereby advised that a Temporary/Status/Final Hearing has been scheduled in this matter for Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. before the Honorable Adam Wolfe, Family Court Judge, in his hearing chambers located at the Mercer County Courthouse Annex, 120 Scott Street, Princeton, WV 24740. You must attend to protect your interests.

The Clerk of the Mercer County Circuit Court shall cause the above matter to be published in The Mountain Advocate, 214 Knox Street, Barbourville, KY 40906.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward a certified copy of the Order to: Paige Flanigan, counsel for Petitioner, 1407 E. Main Street, Princeton, WV 24740; and the local Bureau for Child Support Enforcement, 350 Davis Street, Princeton, WV 24739; Katie Snowden Peery, Respondent, P.O. Box 162, Barbourville, KY 40906; Katie Snowden Peery, Respondent, 1397 Ky. 11 S., Barbourville, KY 40906; and Mountain Advocate, 214 Knox Street, Barbourville, KY 40906.

ENTERED this the 17th day of July, 2026.

s/ Honorable Adam Wolfe, Judge  
HONORABLE ADAM WOLFE, Judge

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### -- PUBLIC NOTICE --

#### NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

August 5th, 2026  
Knox County Fiscal Court  
401 Court Square  
Suite 6  
Barbourville, Ky 40906

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the Knox County Fiscal Court.

#### REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about August 20, 2026, the Knox County Fiscal Court will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the release of Community Project Funds from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328) to undertake a project known as the Knox County Water Improvement Project for the purpose of replacing aging asbestos water lines and improving infrastructure, with an estimated cost of \$2,224,000.00 in multiple areas serving Knox County, Kentucky.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Knox County Fiscal Court has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Knox County Court House, 401 Court Square, Suite 6, Barbourville, Ky 40906 and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Knox County Fiscal Court. All comments received by August 14, 2026 will be considered by the Knox County Fiscal Court prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The Knox County Fiscal Court is certifying to HUD that Michael N. Mitchell, in his official capacity as Judge Executive, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Knox County Fiscal Court to use Program funds

#### OBJECTION TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Knox County Fiscal Court certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Knox County Fiscal Court, (b) the Knox County Fiscal Court has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 FR part 58, (c) the federal recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Region IV CPF Grants Environmental Officer at HUD - San Juan Field Office, Parque Las Americas 1, 235 Federica Costa Street, Suite 200, San Juan, PR 00918. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Additional information regarding this environmental review process can be found at <https://cpd.hud.gov/cpd-public/environmental-reviews>

Michael N. Mitchell, Judge Executive

Note: The fifteen or eighteen-day public comment periods are the minimum time periods required by regulation prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds and Certification (form HUD-7015.15) to HUD/ State. The Responsible Entity may choose to allow a longer comment period. 24 CFR Part 58 requires, at Section 58.46, "Time delays for exceptional circumstances," a 30-day comment period for controversial or unique projects or those similar to projects normally requiring preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement. The fifteen-day objection period is a statutory requirement. The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HUD/State, whichever is later.

Following completion of the comment period recipients may FAX the form HUD-7015.15 to HUD/State together with a copy of the public notice and a cover letter stating whether comments were received and if so, how the recipient responded to the comment. The Request for Release of Funds and Certification should not be submitted before the recipient has responded. If the request is sent by FAX, the original signed form should be mailed to HUD/State. The date of receipt by FAX will be counted as the submission date. However, HUD will not issue the 7015.16 "Authority to Use Grant Funds" until after the original signed form as received.