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August 11, 2014

Trey Patterson Padlock Ranch 8420 US Highway 14 Ranchester, WY 82839

RE: Brook Mine- Wyoming Department of Environmental Land Quality Division (WDEQ/LQD) Surface Owner Consent Request

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Ramaco Wyoming, LLC is proposing to conduct coal mining on lands in Sheridan County, which will be called the Brook Mine. Padlock, or an affiliated entity, holds surface owner rights on a portion of this land. This proposed mining and reclamation will be conducted in accordance with an approved Wyoming Environmental Quality Act coal mine permit application.

As part of its application, WDEQ/LQD requires that the attached Form 8 surface owner consent be provided for the affected lands.

Please review the semi-completed attached form 8 for accuracy, and comment if there are any questions. Additionally, draft mine and reclamation plans have been provided for your review. If you would like, we would be happy to provide further explanation of such plans. The requested form 8 consent involves property subject to a surface mining consent reservation in favor of RAMACO Wyoming, LLC contained in deeds between the predecessor parties.

Ramaco requests that upon review, that you sign and date four (4) originals of the provided Form 8. We would appreciate return of this consent no later than by September 1, 2014.

Please contact, the undersigned at WWC Engineering- (ph: 307-672-0761) if you have any questions or comments regarding this request.

Sincerely.

Jeff Barron, P.E. Project Engineer

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Attachment: as noted

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