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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

September 29, 2014

Randy McClure
Rio Grande Silver, Inc.
PO Box 610
Creede, CO 81130

Re: Bulldog Mine, Permit M-1977-215, Technical Revision TR-23, Technical Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. McClure,

The Division has been reviewing the technical revision application named above for the Bulldog Mine operation. We have identified several issues that must be addressed before the decision date. Please respond to all items below.

1. Area 1 has been disturbed in the past, and is fairly level. It appears to be suited for core storage with little earthwork needed to prepare it, besides placement and compaction of roadbase. Please state whether there is any topsoil at this location, and if so, how it will be salvaged. Please also describe any reclamation that may be performed for this area after core storage is finished.
2. The road up to Area 2 will be built up a slight incline on undisturbed hillside. It is expected that the road will be constructed by cut and fill method, affecting a corridor approximately 30 feet wide. Since the footprint is currently undisturbed, it contains a layer of topsoil, though it is probably thin and somewhat rocky. Please describe how the topsoil there will be salvaged for reclamation, and what the reclamation measures will be.
3. Area 2 is also undisturbed, and will require the application of roadbase to prepare it for core storage. It is assumed that the topsoil will need to be stripped and salvaged here also. Please confirm this, and also describe what the reclamation measures will be for this area.
4. Aerial imagery indicates that there is an overhead electric line crossing the southeast portion of Area 2. Please identify the owner of this structure, and state whether there is a limitation of use or a setback from it that Rio Grande Silver must conform to.

The decision date is set for October 16, 2014, by which your responses to these questions should be received by the Division. If you need additional time to prepare and provide the responses, please contact this office to discuss an extension.

All responses should be mailed to our Denver office (see address below). Electronic copy of the responses may be emailed to me. If you have questions, I may be reached by phone at 970-247-5193, or by email at: bob.oswald@state.co.us.



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Your responses will help me calculate the reclamation costs of these additional areas of disturbance.

I plan to inspect the Bulldog Mine in early October, and look forward to checking this specific area too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Oswald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" being more prominent than the last name "Oswald".

Bob Oswald
Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Russ Means, DRMS Grand Junction

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