

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

January 15, 2015

Mr. Lance Barker Mineral Mountain Gold, LLC P.O. Box 247 Cripple Creek, CO 80813

RE: Mineral Mountain Project, File No. M-2014-045; 110d Decision Letter Conditions, Financial and Performance Warranty Request - Hard Rock Mining Operation

Dear Mr. Barker:

On January 14, 2015 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved Permit File No. M-2014-045 as a 110d mine reclamation permit with conditions. The conditions to the approval are noted below:

## Stipulation No. Description

The Applicant must submit an Environmental Protection Plan as an Amendment to the permit. The EPP must be submitted within 180 days of this letter along with the \$1,725 fee. No additional ore or waste rock may be brought to the surface and stored for any length of time until the Division approves the EPP.

## **Environmental Protection Plan Requirements:**

Pursuant to Rule 7.1.3 of the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations, the submission of an EPP must conform to Rules 6 and 7 including, but not limited to:

- Rule 6.4.21(1) EPP; (2) Maps; (4) Other permits/licenses; (6) Materials handling; (7) - Facilities evaluation; (8)(c) and (e) specifically describing the geologic media and hydrogeology in the area; (10)(a)(ii), (iii) & (b) – Surface water control; (14) – Geochemical data and analysis, annual testing/net neutralization; (17) Plant growth medium; and
- Rule 7.3.1(3) Stormwater diversion and collection channel/ditches must be designed to convey the peak flow resulting from the 100-year, 24-hour design event, and impoundments/ponds must be designed to store the runoff volume resulting from the 10year, 24-hour design event; and 7.3.2 – Construction acceptance of certification.

In general, the EPP should address the isolation, control, or removal of potential acid-forming and/or toxic materials identified by the Division in the three previous adequacy letters (dated September 8, 2014, October 20, 2014, and January 12, 2015).



The amount of financial warranty set by the Division for this operation is \$28,350.00. You must submit a financial warranty in this amount and a performance warranty in order for us to issue a permit. In the event you have requested a financial warranty form, we have enclosed it in this letter. If you have not, please select a type of financial warranty from Rule 4.3. Then contact us so that we can provide you with the appropriate warranty form. We have enclosed a performance warranty form with this letter for your use.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MINING OPERATIONS MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL A PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THE DIVISION <u>AFTER</u> RECEIPT OF YOUR FINANCIAL WARRANTY AND PERFORMANCE WARRANTY. A PERMIT WILL NOT BE ISSUED UNTIL WE VERIFY THE ADEQUACY OF BOTH YOUR FINANCIAL WARRANTY AND PERFORMANCE WARRANTY.

If you have any questions, please contact me (303-866-3567 ext. 8169).

Sincerely,

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