

COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 31, 2016

Stephen C. Fearn Jo Grant Mining Company, Inc. 729 Reese Street P.O. Box 299 Silverton, CO 81433

Re: Deficiency Issues for a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations, Silver Wing Mine, NOI File No. P-2016-006,

Mr. Fearn,

On March 30, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division), received your new application for a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations for the Silver Wing Mine in San Juan County. Please be advised the NOI for the Silver Wing Mine is deficient and therefore not considered filed for review. Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3 (c) of the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules, the application was not filed in accordance with Rule 5.3, specifically 5.3.3 (1). In order for the application to be considered filed, and the official office review period to begin, the prospector shall provide the financial warranty <u>at the time</u> of filing.

The Jo Grant Mining Company has estimated the reclamation costs to be in the amount of \$25,000.00. Therefore in order to consider the NOI filed the Division is requiring a minimum financial warranty not less than \$25,000.00 be submitted and approved within **60 days**. The financial warranty must be received by the Divisions Denver office, whose address is listed below, no later than **May 27, 2016**. Upon receipt of the warranty the Division can consider the application filed and will begin the office review period pursuant to Rule 5.1.3. During the office review period the reclamation costs will be reviewed in more detail based on activities proposed to ensure the financial warranty meets the requirements of Rule 4.2.1 (4). In the event the submitted financial warranty is deemed insufficient, the Division will notify the Applicant that additional funds are required prior to issuing a decision.

Please note that other deficiencies and determinations that may exist cannot be addressed by the Division until the application is considered filed.



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Please make arrangements with Barbra Coria at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Denver office, at (303)-866-3567, Ext. 8148, for submittal of the financial warranty. Any questions regarding completion, execution and / or submittal of the financial warranty forms should also be directed to Barbra Coria. If you require any additional information, have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field office by phone at (970)-243-6368 or at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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Lucas West Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 2015 Denver, CO 80203 Phone: (970)-243-6368

Cc: Tony Waldron, Minerals Program Supervisor Russ Means, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist, GJFO Supervisor Barbra Coria, DRMS Minerals Program

