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Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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June 21, 2016

Mr. Lance Barker  
Mineral Mountain Gold, LLC  
P.O. Box 247  
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**Re: Mineral Mountain Gold LLC, DRMS File No. P-2016-011;  
Notice of Deficiencies for NOI**

Dear Mr. Barker:

On May 27, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and (Division) received your Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI). The Division has reviewed the NOI application for deficiencies. Please address the following items:

**Application:**

1. Application Item No. I.2, page 1 – Please clarify if you intended to have the project name be identical to the company name listed in Application Item No. I.3.
2. Application Item No. I.6, page 2 – Only the “Private” land ownership box is checked. As you recall when establishing land ownership for the Mineral Mountain Project (M-2014-045), several “slivers” of federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) exist in the area described by the two maps included in the application. Please verify the BLM was noticed and correct Item I.6 in the application.
3. Application Item No. I.7.A, page 2 – In order to be consistent with Comment 1 above, please either complete Item 7.A. or describe how you will avoid prospecting on federal lands in the NOI area and show that these areas are excluded on the NOI maps.
4. Application Item No. I.7.B, page 2 – Please provide a list on Minerex claims on which prospecting is planned.
5. Application Item Nos. I.7.E & F, page 3 – In order to be consistent with Comments 1 and 2 above, please either complete Items 7.E and F, or describe how you will avoid prospecting on federal lands in the NOI area and show that these areas are excluded on the NOI maps.
6. Application Item No. III.5, page 4 – The Division is aware of your intent to replace NOI P-1986-023 with this application, despite no “orders” from the Division directing you to do so. If the existing disturbance is not included in the new NOI reclamation liability, the Division will not be able to release P-1986-023 (assuming that is the intent of this application) until all reclamation is completed for the areas disturbed under that NOI.
  - a. As such, please confirm that the proposed one-acre disturbance for this new NOI includes existing disturbance created as part of the prospecting done under P-1986-023.



- b. The Division is keenly aware of the concept that “future exploration cannot be predicted”. However, the Division is tasked by statute to ensure mining and prospecting related disturbance is reclaimed to a beneficial use. Therefore, we must understand the nature of such proposed disturbance in order to estimate reclamation liability. Please commit to submitting an NOI modification application if future exploration activities require the proposed program to expand.
7. Application Item No. III.6.C, page 4 – Referring to the “Fluid Drilling” box being checked in Application Item No. III.4, page 3, please explain why no mud pits are anticipated.
8. Application Item No. III.6.F, page 4 – Referring the statement in Application Item No. III.6.D, page 4, please be aware you are limited to only 100 feet of new road, unless an NOI modification application is submitted and approved.
9. Application Item No. IV.5, page 6 – Referring to the “Adits” box being checked in Application Item No. III.4, page 3, please explain why no portals are anticipated.
10. Application Item No. IV.6, page 6 – Referring to the phrase “and existing previous disturbances are not part of the affected acreage”, please clarify whether or not “existing previous disturbances” include those areas disturbed under P-1986-023. If this is the case, these areas must be clearly identified on the NOI maps and photographic documentation provided so the Division can clearly separate previous P-1986-023 disturbances from new disturbances when final release is requested for this new NOI, should it be approved.

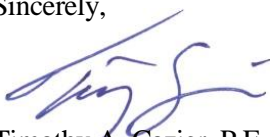
**Financial Warranty:**

Please note the Division will estimate a cost to reclaim the site based on the application and your response to the deficiencies described above. The financial warranty may or may not exceed \$2,000 per acre of affected land depending on the Division cost estimate. Please be reminded that the proposed prospecting operations identified in the current modification application may not commence until these deficiencies are addressed and the bond is submitted and approved by the Division.

Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3(c), the above deficiencies are required to be addressed within 60 days of this notice or the Division may deny the modification application. **Please be advised the Mineral Mountain Gold, LLC Prospecting Application may be deemed deficient and the application may be denied on August 20, 2016** unless the abovementioned deficiencies are addressed to the satisfaction of the Division.

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

Sincerely,



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