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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

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August 5, 2016

Mr. Jack Henris
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**Re: Project, Permit No. M-1980-244;
Technical Revision (TR-79) Preliminary Adequacy Review**

Dear Mr. Henris:

On July 21, 2016 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received your corrected request for a Technical Revision (TR-79) addressing the following:

High Grade Mill Solution Piping to AGVLF Injection Drains

The submittal was called complete for the purpose of filing on July 22, 2016. **The decision date for TR-79 is August 22, 2016.** Please be advised that if you are unable to satisfactorily address any concerns identified in this review before the decision date, **it will be your responsibility to request an extension of the review period.** If there are outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed prior to the end of the review period, and no extension has been requested, the Division will deny this Technical Revision (TR).

The following comments are based on the Division's review of the TR-79 Request:

- 1) Precipitates. The Division's goal is to prevent mill discharge solution from ponding on the surface of the AGVLF. How will CC&V determine when an infiltration well needs to be "cleaned" other than observing ponding near the surface of the AGVLF?
- 2) Monitoring and Closure.
 - a. The second sentence in the second paragraph on the last page of the TR-79 request letter has three conditions, following an "if" condition. Please confirm the "if" condition is limited to the mill continuing to operate after the AGVLF is closed, in which case, new wells would be installed on the SGVLF and the pipeline rerouted, and that CC&V would submit a TR for review and approval by the Division at that time.



- b. No closure disposition or reclamation/demolition cost are discussed. Please discuss whether the eight-foot diameter CMP manhole and infiltration wells will be abandoned in place, sealed, heads removed, etc. and provide a cost estimate for removal of the above ground pipe and other appurtenances to be removed and/or sealed.
- 3) NewFields Figure 1. The acronym "VLP" is used three times on this figure. Please define VLP.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8169.

Sincerely,



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