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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jeff Cary, Consulting Geologist
Animas Exploration Services LLC
2416 Needham Ct.
Durango, CO 81301

Dear Mr. Cary:

Your Plan of Operations to conduct mining activities located on T. 43 N., R 4 W., sec. 2, 3, 4 and 10 and portions of T. 44 N., R. 4 W., sec. 34 and 35, New Mexico Principle Meridian, was received in this office on July 19th, 2016. The Plan of Operations has been assigned Bureau of Land Management (BLM) case file number COC-77853. Please refer to this number in future correspondence concerning this operation. Your proposal has also been submitted to the Colorado Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety (CO DRMA) as Notice of Intent (NOI) Number P-2016-007.

Consistent with the surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809.411(a), the BLM has reviewed the Plan and has determined that the filed Plan of Operations and reclamation cost estimate meets the content requirements at 43 CFR 3809.401(b) and 43 CFR 3809.401(d). Note this notification does not constitute authorization to commence operations nor is the submission of a complete Plan necessarily adequate to meet the performance requirements of the regulations and avoid unnecessary and undue degradation.

Be advised the next step in the review process is for the BLM to solicit public comment on the Plan of Operations under 43 CFR 3809.411(c), either separate from or as a part of the environmental review process required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Soliciting public comment must occur before making an approved/not approved decision on the Plan of Operations according to 43 CFR 3809.411(d).

The BLM estimates we will complete our review and make an approval decision on the Plan by September 16th, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact either myself or our Geologist, David Lazorchak at (970) 642-4940 at the above address.

Sincerely,



Elijah Waters
Gunnison Field Office Manager

cc: Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Martin D. Litt, Kinross Gold U.S.A.