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DECISION

PLAN OF OPERATIONS APPROVED DETERMINATION OF REQUIRED FINANCIAL GUARANTEE AMOUNT

Kathleen Autenrieth	:	
Kinross Gold USA	:	Surface Management
363 Fish Hatchery Road	:	
Republic WA 99166	:	

Dear Ms. Autenrieth:

The Plan of Operations for the Kinross Golden Wonder Exploration Project is hereby approved as submitted to the Gunnison Field Office. There are no additional Conditions of Approval (COA) necessary to prevent unnecessary or undue degradation. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. must conduct operations as described in the Plan of Operations.

Financial Guarantee

Based on your reclamation cost estimate and the BLM review of the cost estimate, the BLM agrees with Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) cost estimate (for DRMS Notice of Intent No. P-2016-021). The required financial guarantee amount is hereby set at \$14,768.13 for reclamation of the Kinross Golden Wonder Exploration Project. You must provide a financial guarantee in this amount using one or more of the acceptable financial guarantee instruments listed under 43 CFR 3809.555. The financial guarantee will be provided to and held by DRMS. The financial guarantee must be payable to both DRMS and Department of the Interior- Bureau of Land Management, Colorado State Office. You must receive written notification from that office accepting and obligating your financial guarantee before you may begin any surface disturbing operations. Operations may begin when the bond is filed with DRMS and a copy of the bond is submitted to this office.

Approval of a Plan of Operations by the BLM does not constitute a determination regarding the validity or ownership of any unpatented mining claim involved in the mining operation. Kinross Gold U.S.A., Inc. is responsible for obtaining any use rights or local, state, or Federal permits, licenses, or reviews that may be required for the operation.

Appeal of the Decision

If you do not agree and are adversely affected by this decision, you may request that the Colorado BLM State Director review this decision. If you request a State Director Review, the request must be received in the Colorado BLM State Office at 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215, no later than 30 calendar days after you receive or have been notified of this decision. The request for State Director Review must be filed in accordance with the provisions in 43 CFR 3809.805. This decision will remain in effect while the State Director Review is pending, unless a Stay is granted by the State Director. If you request a Stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a Stay should be granted.

If the State Director does not make a decision on your request for review of this decision within 21 days of receipt of the request, you should consider the request declined and you may appeal this decision to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA). You may contact the Colorado BLM State Office to determine when BLM received the request for State Director Review. You have 30 days from the end of the 21 day period in which to file your Notice of Appeal with this office at BLM-Gunnison Field Office, 650 S. 11th St., Gunnison, CO 81230, which we will forward to IBLA.

If you wish to bypass a State Director Review, this decision may be appealed directly to the IBLA in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.801(a)(1). Your Notice of Appeal must be filed in this office at BLM-Gunnison Field Office, 650 S. 11th St., Gunnison, CO 81230, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. As the appellant you have the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you wish to file a petition pursuant to regulations 43 CFR 4.21 for a stay of the effectiveness of this decision during the time that your appeal is being reviewed by the IBLA, the petition for a stay must accompany your Notice of Appeal. Copies of the Notice of Appeal and petition for a stay must also be submitted to each party named in the decision and to the Office of the Solicitor at Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215, at the same time the original documents are filed with this office. If you request a stay, you have the burden of proof to demonstrate that a stay should be granted based on the standards listed below.

Standards for Obtaining a Stay

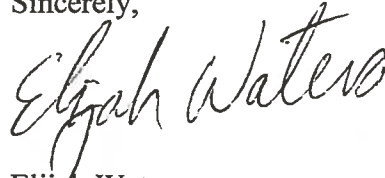
Except as otherwise provided by law or other pertinent regulation, a petition for a stay of a decision pending appeal shall show sufficient justification based on the following standards:

1. The relative harm to the parties if the stay is granted or denied,

2. The likelihood of the appellant's success on the merits,
3. The likelihood of immediate and irreparable harm if the stay is not granted, and
4. Whether the public interest favors granting the stay.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (970) 642-4940 or contact our Geologist, David Lazorchak, at (970) 642-4951.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elijah Waters". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elijah Waters
Field Manager

cc: Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety