December 27, 2016

Peter Freedman AuPt Industries LLC P.O. Box 1424 Edwards, CO 81632



1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: West Side Placer, File No. M-2016-081, Receipt of Hard Rock/Metal Mining Limited Impact Operation (110(1)) Reclamation Permit Application

Dear Mr. Freedman:

On December 27, 2016, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) filed your *Hard Rock/Metal Mining Limited Impact Operation (110(1)) Reclamation Permit Application* for the West Side Placer, which is located in Moffat County. All comment and review periods began on December 27, 2016. The decision date for your application is scheduled for January 27, 2017.

The Division acknowledges that you already published notice in a newspaper. However it was done prior to your application being filed, therefore you mush re-publish.

Within ten (10) days you must publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed mining operation. Immediately after the publication, mail a copy of the notice to all owners of record of surface rights and mineral rights, holders of any recorded easements, and all owners of record of lands that are within 200 feet of the boundary of the affected land. Proof of notice and mailings, such as Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested, must be submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety prior to the decision date. Additionally, any changes or additions to the application on file in our office must also be reflected in the public review copy which has been placed with the Moffat County Clerk and Recorder.

The Division is reviewing your application to determine whether it is adequate to meet the requirements of the Mined Land Reclamation Act. We will contact you if additional information is needed.

Please be reminded that all operators must contact the Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division regarding storm water permits.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us



Sincerely,

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