

January 18, 2017

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COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

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 Package (2)

Dear Mr. Freedman:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the application can be considered for approval.

EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan

			Narrative states both 1.5 acres and 1 acres max disturbances , #4 states 1 ac. Disturbances should include the active mine cut as well as all processing areas. The greatest amount that would need reclamation at any given time. You can clarify that areas to be stripped with topsoil replacement will be limited to 1 acre. But total disturbed areas requiring seeding will be 1.5 acres. It's recommended that any area to be highly compacted has the topsoil stripped.
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EXHIBIT J - Proof of Mailing of Notices to Board of County Commissioners and Soil Conservation District

Proof that notice of the permit application was sent to the Board of County Commissioners and, if the mining operation is within the boundaries of a Soil Conservation District, to the Board of Supervisors of the local Soil Conservation District, pursuant to Subparagraph 1.6.2(1)(a)(ii).

This mining operation falls within the boundaries of a Soil Conservation District, please provide notice to the Colorado First Soil Conservation District.

Notice of Publication

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.

Newspaper was published prior to the application being called complete therefore the operator will need to re-publish and send new notices.

It is noted that throughout your application you reference an NOI. Anything associated with this mining operation needs to be described in the application and included within its permit boundary.

A decision date has been set for Thursday, January 26, 2017. All adequacy information needs to be received in the Divisions Denver office no later than **Monday, January 23, 2017** to allow the Division sufficient time for review.

This letter shall not be construed to mean that there are no other technical deficiencies in your application. The Division will review your application to determine whether it is adequate to meet the requirements of the Act after submittal of all required items.

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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