



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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 6, 2017

Lance Baller
High Speed Mining, LLC
8480 East Orchard Rd, Suite 3600
Greenwood Village, CO 80111

RE: Katuska Pit; DRMS File No. M-1991-037; Notice of Citizen Complaint

Dear Mr. Baller,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received two complaints against the above referenced operation on June 1, 2017. A copy of the complaint letter has been enclosed for your records. The Division is currently reviewing the permit and will contact you if it is determined that an inspection is warranted.

If you have any questions, you may call me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure (1)

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS





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Cunningham - DNR, Michael <michaela.cunningham@state.co.us>

FORMAL COMPLAINT Katuska Pit M1991037 continued illegal mining activity in unpermitted area- water diversion

1 message

rrindsig@mchsi.com <rrindsig@mchsi.com>

Thu, Jun 1, 2017 at 8:40 AM

To: "Erickson - DNR, Wally" <wally.erickson@state.co.us>, "Cunningham - DNR, Michael" <michaela.cunningham@state.co.us>

Gentlemen:

Please see attached photo taken May 27, 2017 showing water spewing into the Katuska pit (red arrow) from the upper pond indicated in the attached Google Earth screenshot (circled in yellow).

This is an illegal diversion from a pond outside the permitted area (it is also on adjacent property not owned by Baller or his company).

It is unclear when the discharge pipe was installed, as we have little information on this area. The enormous volume of gushing water caught our attention.

Upon review of TR5 for this mine, it is obvious that this diversion was planned to fill the new lined pond.

I wonder why TR5 doesn't indicate the source of water for the new pond??

In any event, this is yet another flagrant violation of the cease and desist order prohibiting activity outside of the original permitted 8 acres.

You need to get a handle on this, it is out of control. These guys need to be shut down. Or jailed.

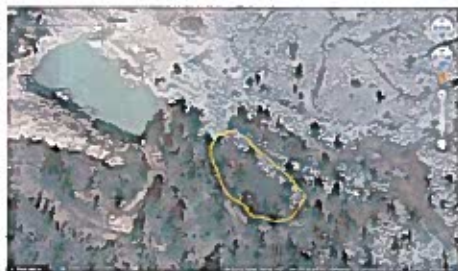
Respectfully submitted,

Robin Rindsig

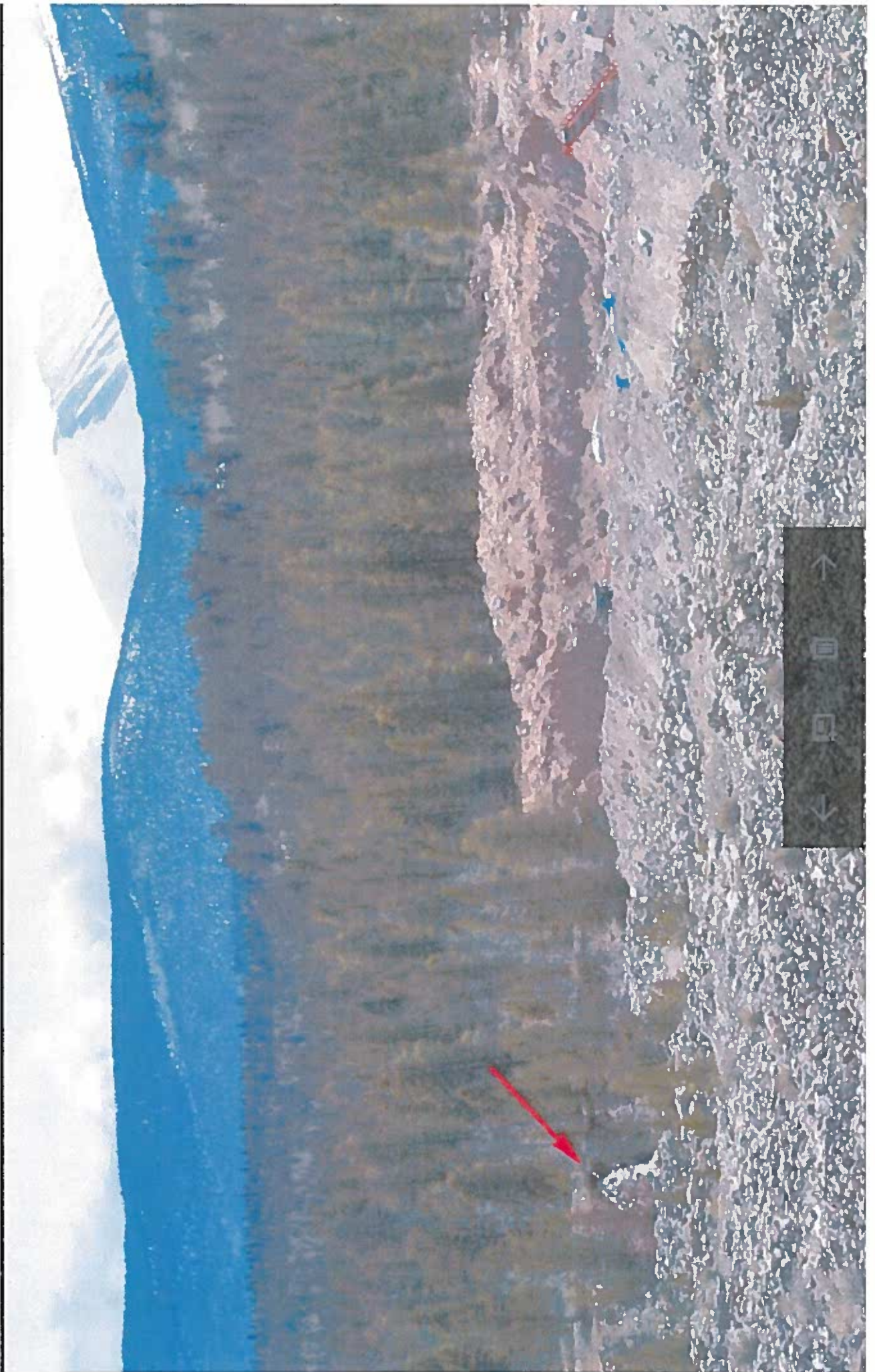
2 attachments



Katuska Water Diversion.jpg
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Katuska Water Diversion POND.jpg
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Google Earth

Imagery Date: 9/8/2015 39°13'34.88" N 106°00'41.82" W elev 10036 ft eye alt 10389

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