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Bill Ferdinand  
Homestake Mining Company  
C/O Barrick Gold of North America, Inc.  
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**Re: Pitch Project, M-1977-004, Long Term Reclamation Plans**

Dear Mr. Ferdinand,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) would like to thank Barrick Gold / Homestake for an informative annual inspection of the Pitch Project (M-1977-004) on September 18, 2017. Minerals Program Director Tony Waldron and I found the groundwater treatment pilot tests programs interesting. Please keep us up to date as your results and findings come in.

During the course of the onsite visit, DRMS and Barrick had discussions about a long term reclamation exit strategy for Barrick / Homestake. DRMS has asked for an amendment to the reclamation plan that will outline an overall cohesive plan to obtain final reclamation and ultimately release of the site.

Based on the complexity of the site it is understood that any final release is years away. Per discussions in the field DRMS and Barrick agreed that a reclamation task list and approximate timetable be submitted by January 31, 2018. The submission date should allow sufficient time for Barrick / Homestake and DRMS staff to collaborate on what the plan should include and what benchmarks should be contemplated before an amendment is submitted later in the year.

If you need additional information please contact Dustin Czaplá at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office. His telephone is 303.866.3567, Ext 8188 or by e-mail at [dustin.czapla@state.co.us](mailto:dustin.czapla@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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