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Bill Ferdinand / Dave Wykoff
Homestake Mining Company
C/O Barrick Gold of North America, Inc.
460 West, 50 North, Ste. 500
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101

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 the submission of an outline for "Long Term Reclamation and Closure" for the Pitch Project on January 24, 2018.

After a careful review the outlined proposed reclamation plan amendment DRMS is mostly in agreement with the lists of tasks and the frame work towards reaching final reclamation. However there appears to be an issue as to the timeline to submit an amendment and begin or complete some tasks. DRMS is acutely aware that the water quality standards are and will continue to be an ongoing issue for Homestake. To wait on an amendment while the Homestake continues efforts to address water quality could take years. The amendment process itself could take up to a year. This delay in other earthwork, geo-technical and stability analysis, and revegetation is not an acceptable timeline. DRMS is requesting the amendment process begin sooner rather than later.

DRMS would like to meet with Homestake to discuss the issue of amendment timing and what tasks could be accomplished while water quality issues are being assessed. Possible dates for a meeting at the Denver Main Office might be March 22, April 2, or April 6th. We look forward to a discussion on these issues.

If you need additional information please contact Dustin Czapla 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.

Sincerely,

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