

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

March 16, 2018

Stephanie Tunstall Eagle Peaks Mining LLC 541 Cox Lane Howard, CO 81233

RE: Bullger Basin Placer; DRMS File No. M-1985-022; Adequacy Review No. 1 (TR04)

Dear Ms. Tunstall,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received Technical Revision No. 4 (TR04) for the above referenced site on February 23, 2018. The decision date for this Technical Revision is March 26, 2018. The Division has reviewed the proposed revision and has the following comments:

- 1. The Operator is proposing to construct a new settling pond. Please provide the Division with the following information:
 - a. Provide an explanation as to why a new settling pond is needed.
 - b. Specify the dimensions of the proposed settling pond.
 - c. Clarify if the settling pond which will be reclaimed is currently in use.
 - d. Describe how the new settling pond will be connected with the other settling ponds. The description should address how water will be routed from the proposed settling pond to the existing settling ponds, including all conveyance structures (pipes, valves and pumps) used to route water between the ponds.
- 2. The Operator is proposing to sell aggregate material from the operation. Please explain how selling aggregate, which would otherwise be used to establish the final grade of the reclaimed site, will impact the approved post-mining topography. Will the Operator still be able to reclaim the slopes at a 3H:1V grade?
- 3. Please clarify if the sale of aggregate material from the site will alter the way mining is conducted. If so, please revise the Mining Plan to account for any changes.
- 4. The Operator has provided a map which depicts the location of the proposed settling pond and access road. The proposed changes will require the Operator to submit a revised Mining Plan Map which depicts the new settling pond and the new access road. The Mining Plan



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Map must conform to the requirements of Hard Rock Rule 6.2.1(2) and Rule 6.4.3. The Operator may revise the Mining Plan Map which was approved under Technical Revision No. 3.

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review of this Technical Revision. Please remember that the decision date for this Technical Revision is March 26, 2018. As previously mentioned, if you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to this date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of this Technical Revision. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, the Technical Revision will be denied.

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

Sincerely,

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Michael A. Cunningham Environmental Protection Specialist

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