

Department of Natural Resources 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

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Matthew Welte Summit Brick & Tile Co. P.O. Box 533 Pueblo, CO 81002

Re: Amendment Approval (AM-03) - Financial and Performance Warranty Request Fox #1 Clay Mine, Permit No. M-1977-219

Dear Mr. Welte:

On February 21, 2018, the Mined Land Reclamation Board approved your Amendment Application AM-03 (please see enclosed Board Order, dated March 28, 2018) submitted to the Division on June 30, 2017, addressing the following:

Amendment to increase the permit boundary by 1006.5 acres for a total of 1046.8 acres.

The terms of the AM-03 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1977-219. All other conditions and requirements of Permit No. M-1977-219 remain in full force and effect.

The estimated liability amount of \$213,000 for M-1977-219 exceeds the \$83,000 performance bond currently held. The Division has enclosed a performance warranty form which will need to be executed and submitted with the financial warranty. The revision will not be final and AM-03 activities cannot commence until the updated performance and financial warranties are approved by the Division.

For questions regarding financial warranties, please contact Barbara Coria, the Division's Financial Assurance Specialist, at 303-866-3567 x8148. There are various financial warranty application forms on our website at http://mining.state.co.us/.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at elliott.russell@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Elliott R. Russell

Environmental Protection Specialist

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