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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 24, 2018

Jim Murray
High Mountain Mining Co., LLC
3040 S. Vallejo Street
Englewood, CO 80110

RE: Alma Placer Mine; DRMS File No. M-1985-029; Adequacy Review No. 2 (AM06)

Dear Mr. Murray,

The Division has identified several other comments and questions that must be addressed prior to the Division's decision due date. Please be advised that if you are unable to satisfactorily address any concerns identified in this review before the decision date, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of the review period. If there are outstanding issues that have not been adequately addressed prior to the end of the review period, and no extension has been requested, the Division will deny this application.

1. As required by Rule 1.6.2(1)(g), please submit proof the public notice was circulated to the owners of record of all land surface within 200 feet of the boundary of affected lands. If a copy of the notice provided for in Rule 1.6.2(1)(d) was not mailed or personally served to the below listed landowners, then the decision date for Amendment No. 6 must be extended to allow for a 20 day public comment period from the date the public notice was provided to them. The mailing address for the below listed landowners matches the mailing address of Murphrey Holdings LLC, to which a copy of the public notice was provided. However, the Division must have proof that all landowners received notice of the Amendment Application, regardless of whether separate landowners have the same mailing address. Please submit proof the public notice was provided to the following landowners:

- a) Kelly Jet Murphrey
- b) Theresa Pesl

6.4.3 Exhibit C – Pre-mining and Mining Plan Maps of Affected Lands

2. The Operator provided a return receipt of a Certified mailing of the newspaper publication to SKR LLC. The Division could not locate the property owned by SKR LLC on the Mining Plan Map. Please verify if the property owned by SKR LLC is located within 200 feet of the affected lands.



6.4.4 Exhibit D – Mining Plan

3. In response to Item No. 10 of the Division's Adequacy Review No. 1 letter dated March 5, 2018, the Operator indicated the Mining Plan was revised to reflect there are 3 to 9 inches of salvageable topsoil from unmined areas. The revised Mining Plan (D-2) still contains language which indicates there are 3 to 6 inches of salvageable topsoil from unmined areas. Please revise this section of the Mining Plan to be consistent with the information presented under AM05.

As previously mentioned, if you are unable to provide satisfactory responses to any inadequacies prior to April 30, 2018, it will be your responsibility to request an extension of time to allow for continued review of this application. If there are still unresolved issues when the decision date arrives and no extension has been requested, the application will be denied.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike C.", is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS
Ben Langenfeld, Greg Lewicki and Associates