

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

April 30, 2018

Ralph Bell Castle Rock Construction Company, LLC. 6374 South Racine Circle Centennial, Colorado 80111

RE: Yocam Borrow Pit, DRMS Application Number. M-2018-020 Adequacy Review No. 1

Dear Mr. Bell,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division), has reviewed the above referenced application. The Division is required to issue a decision on the application by May 15, 2018. The Division has identified several items that will need to be addressed prior to the Division's approval of the application. Please address the following items:

Rule 6.3.1 - Exhibit A – Legal Description and Location Map

- 1. In accordance with Rule 6.3.1(1), the applicant is required to report the location of the site to the nearest quarter-quarter section. Exhibit A states the permit area is located in the west half (W1/2) of Section 20 of Township 4 North, Range 60 West of the 6th Principal Meridian. Based on the Division's review, it appears the site is located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 20. Please confirm?
- 2. Please revise the Exhibit A map to list the names of all immediately adjacent surface owners of record to the affected land (including the access road). Or, please revise the map to indicate this information can be found on the Mining Plan Map.
- 3. The legal description found in Exhibit A indicates the beginning is located at the brass cap in the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty (20). However, it appears this should be the Northwest quarter section. Please confirm?

Rule 6.3.2 - Exhibit B – Site Description

4. Exhibit B indicates the soils within the proposed affected area is classified as Cascajo soil. Using the NRCS Web Soil Survey online tool, the description of the soils onsite provided in this exhibit does not appear accurate. Please re-evaluate the description of the soils provided. Based on the Division's findings, the primary soil units found on the site are Valent Sand, Bijou Loamy Sand,



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Valentine-Drwyer Sands and Bresser Sandy Loam. The Operator will need to salvage the available A and B horizon materials. Please provide an accurate estimate of the topsoil depth based on the soils units found on the site.

Rule 6.3.3 – Exhibit C – Mining Plan

5. Please revise the topsoil salvage, stockpiling and replacement plan based on your response to item #4 above regarding the soils found at the site.

Rule 6.3.4 – Exhibit D – Reclamation Plan

6. Please revise the topsoil salvage, stockpiling and replacement plan based on your response to item #4 above regarding the soils found at the site.

Rule 6.3.5 – Exhibit E – Map

7. Please revise the Reclamation Plan Map to state the average thickness of replaced topsoil.

As indicated above, the Division is required to issue a decision on the application by May 15, 2018. All of the items listed above must be addressed to the Division's satisfaction prior to this date. If you need additional time to address the Division's adequacy review items, please request an extension of the decision date in accordance with Rule 1.4.1(9). If you have any questions feel free to contact me at (303) 866-3567, extension 8120.

Sincerely,

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