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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

May 22, 2018

Ben Langenfeld
Greg Lewicki and Associates
3375 W. Powers Circle
Littleton, CO 80123

RE: Fairplay Au Pit; DRMS File No. M-1991-037; Preliminary Adequacy Review (TR08)

Dear Mr. Langenfeld,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received Technical Revision No. 8 (TR08) for the above referenced operation on April 23, 2018. The decision date for this Technical Revision is May 23, 2018. The Division has reviewed the Technical Revision Application and has the following comments:

1. The Operator has not provided sufficient detail for the Division to evaluate the effectiveness of the proposed stormwater control feature. The following information must be submitted:
 - a. Provide the dimensions and capacity of the sump to be constructed at the base of the river access road.
 - b. Provide the dimensions of the area which will drain to the sump.
 - c. Provide any calculations used to determine size of the sump.
 - d. Illustrate the sump on a revised Mining Plan Map.
2. The river access road is constructed across an area which consists of large cobble and boulders. Please describe how the sump will be constructed. In addition, specify if the sump will be lined or unlined.
3. The Operator has stated the river access road is unrelated to the mining operation. During the Inspection conducted on June 22, 2017, the Division observed a portable pump and associated piping located at the base of the river access road. The purpose of the pump was to divert water from the Middle Fork of the South Platte River into a holding pond. The observed activity is directly related to the operation of the mine and the Division considers the river access road to be affected area. Please describe how the river access road will be utilized in relation to future mining operations. Will the Operator continue to locate a pump at the base of the river access road?



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This concludes the Division's adequacy review of this Technical Revision. Please remember that the decision date for this Technical Revision is May 23, 2018. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M.A. Cunningham".

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

CC: Lance Baller, High Speed Mining, LLC