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**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Dennis Sonnenschein
Mt. Elbert Mining Co., L.L.C.
32460 Inverness Dr.
Evergreen, CO 80439

Re: Willow Creek Mine, Amendment Approval, Permit No. M-1983-011, Revision No. AM-3

Dear Mr. Sonenschein:

On November 15, 2018 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved the Amendment application submitted to the Division on August 14, 2018, addressing the following:

Addition of 69.06 acres to the affected area. The additional affected area is located on USFS managed lands. The total affected area is increased from 43.38 acres to 112.44 acres.

The terms of the Amendment No. 3 approved by the Division are hereby incorporated into Permit No. M-1983-011.

The conditions of the Division approval are noted below. Please note that all other provisions of Permit No. M-1983-011 remain in full force and effect.

No mine related activity can take place on the USFS managed lands added to the affected area through this Amendment until adequate financial warranty is in place with the Division. The Division has set the required financial warranty at \$190,000. The Division currently holds a financial warranty for this site in the amount of \$42,467.00. Therefore, additional financial warranty in the amount of \$147,533.00 must be accepted by the Division prior to commencing mining operations on the additional affected area.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

Dustin Czapla

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