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Mr. Timothy Cazier, P.E. Environmental Protection Specialist Colorado Department of Natural Resources Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Office of Mined Land Reclamation 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: <u>Permit No. M-1980-244; Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V);</u> <u>Cresson Project; – Addendum to VLF2 Liner Inspection TR#100 PAR Response</u>

Dear Mr. Cazier:

On November 20, 2018, The Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) submitted an addendum to Technical Revision #100 outlining a plan to inspect and verify the integrity of the VLF2 geomembrane liner beneath unsupported material placed to the north of the mill platform, as identified in the March 15, 2018 Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) inspection. On November 21, 2018, CC&V received Preliminary Adequacy Review (PAR) comments from DRMS. Please see the responses below to address DRMS' adequacy concerns; DRMS' comments in italics with Newmont's response to comments in bold.

The Division has only one comment of the proposed investigation plan: the proposed pothole investigation plan grid appears to avoid the top (crest) and the flanks of the Reject Pile (please see the red outline in the image included below). The Division is concerned about potential rotational movement that may have been initiated as equipment was beginning to push down the reject material, but may have been subsequently covered up while pushing additional reject material down slope. Please expand the pot-holing investigation to include the crest and flanks (northeast and west sides) of the Reject Pile.

CC&V agrees to expand the potholing locations in the areas identified by DRMS. Figure 1 has been updated to display the proposed potholing locations.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Justin Bills at (719) 689-4046 or <u>Justin.bills@newmont.com</u>

Sincerely,

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ec: T. Cazier – DRMS File Figure 1 Potholing Investigation

