

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

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

February 7, 2019

Brad Hagen Civil Resources 323 Fifth Street Fredrick, CO 80530

Re: Scout Investments, LLC; S&H Mine; File No. M-2000-158 Technical Revision No. 7 (TR-07) Adequacy Review

Mr. Hagen,

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) has reviewed the content of the technical revision (TR-07) for the S&H Mine submitted on February 5, 2019 and submits the following comments. The Division is required to make an approval or denial decision no later than March 7, 2019 therefore; a response to the following adequacy review concerns should be submitted to the Division as soon as possible.

- 1. The Operator proposes a revision to the approved Mining and Reclamation Plans to construct and operate a silt pond in the northeast corner of the site. Please provide construction and operation details for the silt pond.
- The reclamation cost estimate provided by the Operator in Attachment 1 is not sufficient for the Division to accurately calculate the cost of reclamation that would be incurred by the State. Please provide all information necessary to calculate the cost of reclamation broken down into the various major phases of reclamation pursuant to Rule 6.4.12(1). Please include the anticipated equipment types, material volumes and haul distance for each reclamation task, at minimum.

Please be advised the technical revision for the S&H Mine may be deemed inadequate, and the revision may be denied on March 7, 2019, unless the above mentioned adequacy review items are addressed to the satisfaction of the Division.



If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>peter.hays@state.co.us</u> or (303) 866-3567 Ext. 8124.

Sincerely,

Peter S. Hays Environmental Protection Specialist

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