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November 18, 2019

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: Permit No. M-1980-244; Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine; Cresson Project;  
Written notification – HGM Process Water Spill, November 14, 2019**

Dear Mr. Cazier:

In accordance with Rule 8, Section 8.2.3 of the Mineral Rules And Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board For Hard Rock, Metal, And Designated Mining Operations (Rules), Newmont Mining Corporation - Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) hereby provides the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) with a formal report regarding the November 14, 2019 process water solution spill that occurred at the High Grade Mill facility (HGM). Photos 1 and 2 show the area where the spill occurred before and after cleanup efforts were completed.

The following points address the requirements of Rule 8, section 8.2.3:

a. Actions taken to respond to and correct the emergency situation or condition

- Around 2:30 pm on November 14, 2019 a power bump caused a communication error, resulting in a backflow of solution, overflowing a tank interior to the Mill, spilling approximately 200 gallons of process solution out of an overhead doorway. All solution remained on the mill liner.
- Once identified, CC&V personnel quickly addressed the problem and returned flow to normal operation.
- The impacted material was over-excavated and placed on the mill feed pile.



b. Any known or adverse impacts to human health, property or the environment

No impacts to human health or the environment were observed or are expected to occur due to the low quantity spilled, the benign chemical composition of the process solution, and the swift clean up.

c. CC&V Contact

For any further information regarding this event please contact;

Justin Bills  
Environmental Manager  
PO Box 191,  
100 N 3rd St,  
Victor, Colorado, 80860

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d. Monitoring and analyses that are necessary to evaluate the situation and corrective actions

No sampling occurred because all solution remained on liner.

e. Results of the Operator's investigation

After initial review of the incident, the cause of the spill can be attributed to a temporary power outage that resulted in the loss of communication between the plant operators and the solution management system.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Tim Leedy at 719-689-4283, or [tim.leedy@newmont.com](mailto:tim.leedy@newmont.com), or me at 719-689-4042, or [Justin.Raglin@Newmont.com](mailto:Justin.Raglin@Newmont.com).



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin Raglin".

Justin Raglin  
Manager Health, Safety, Security, Environment  
Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine

Enc: Photo 1: Process solution impacted area, looking West.  
Photo 2: Process solution impacted area, post cleanup.

ec: Tim Cazier, DRMS  
Michael Cunningham, DRMS



Photo 1: Process solution impacted area, looking West. 11/14/2019



Photo 2: Process solution impacted area, post cleanup. 11/14/19



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Cazier - DNR, Tim <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

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## 11/14/19 HGM Spill 5-day Notification

1 message

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**Wendy Conley** <Wendy.Conley@newmont.com>

Wed, Nov 20, 2019 at 10:55 AM

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Cc: Justin Raglin <Justin.Raglin@newmont.com>, Justin Bills <Justin.Bills@newmont.com>, Tim Leedy <Tim.Leedy@newmont.com>

Tim,

Attached, please find the 5-day follow up notification for the November 14, 2019 HGM process water spill. A signed hard copy will be sent certified to the Division on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thank you,



*Wendy Conley*

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