

April 16, 2020

Ms. Ioana Comaniciu, P.E.
Colorado Division of Water Resources
1313 Sherman Street – Room 821
Denver, Colorado 80203

**RE: Keenesburg No. 2 Mine – Permit No. M-2019-058 (Application Pending)
CDWR Response Letter of December 31, 2019**

Dear Ms. Comaniciu:

Colorado Sand Company LLC (CSC) has been provided a copy of the Colorado Division of Water Resources December 31, 2019, comment/response letter re: the Keenesburg No. 2 Mine Regular 112C Construction Materials permit application (M-2019-058) currently under review by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS).

CSC duly acknowledges the comments provided and the indicated “Conditions for Approval”, to include the following:

- 1) Ensuring that mining will stay at least 2 feet above the ground water table throughout the proposed mining operations.**

CSC commits to maintaining mining operations at least 2 feet above the ground water table throughout the mining operations. Data obtained to date does not indicate the presence of a shallow ground water table within planned mining areas.

- 2) Provision of documentation that any water to be used at the site will be obtained from a legal source that allows such industrial use.**

CSC will timely provide documentation to the Colorado Division of Water Resources (and DRMS) that water to be used at the Keenesburg No. 2 Mine site will be obtained from legal source(s). Finalization of water supply alternative(s) is still pending at this time. As noted by CDWR, Well Permit No. 83340-F (permitted for “domestic, commercial, industrial, irrigation, livestock watering, fire protection, and replacement and augmentation”) remains a viable option.

- 3) The requirement for a Plan of Augmentation, in the event storm water is intercepted by the operation and is not diverted or captured in priority.**

The Keenesburg No. 2 Mine operations, as planned, do not anticipate the capture or interception of stormwater. CSC does, however, acknowledge the requirement for a Plan of Augmentation in the event such were occur.

CSC is of the opinion that efforts completed to date are consistent with the requirements of the Colorado Division of Water Resources requirements; and, we trust that the foregoing commitments by CSC further demonstrate CSC's ongoing efforts to achieve and/or remain in compliance with the Colorado Division of Water Resources' stated Conditions for Approval as the project moves forward. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (303) 968-7677 or via email at tmccarthy@schediogroup.com.

Respectfully, and on behalf of Colorado Sand Company LLC,

Schedio Group LLC



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