

May 26, 2020

Mr. David Felderhof Zephyr Gold USA Ltd. 1959 Upper Water St. Suite 1300 Halifax, Nova Scotia, CA B3J 3N2

Re: Dawson Gold Project, Notice of Intent to Prospect ID No. P-2020-002; Second Notice of Deficiencies

Dear Mr. Felderhof:

On May 18, 2020 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and (Division) received your response to our May 11, 2020 Notice of Deficiencies. The Division has reviewed your responses and found some additional clarification is necessary:

## **Application:**

- 1. <u>Item I.7A, "CLAIMANT"</u>. The response is adequate.
- 2. <u>Item III.5</u>, <u>Wooden Drill Platforms</u>. The response is adequate.
- 3. <u>Item III.5</u>, <u>Water Pumping</u>. The response is adequate.
- 4. Item III.6.B, Drill Holes -(p.6). The response is adequate.
- 5. <u>Item III.6.F, Drill Water Release</u> (p.7). The response is adequate.
- 6. Item III.6.H, Total Project Area (p.7). The response is adequate.
- 7. <u>Item IV.1, Photographic Record</u> (p.8). The Division accepts your commitment to keep a photographic record of pre- and post-prospecting conditions.
- 8. Item IV.4, Drill Hole Plugging (p.9). The response is adequate.
- 9. <u>Item IV.6</u>, <u>Water Line Corridor Reclamation</u> (p.10). The response is adequate.
- 10. Item IV.7.B, Mulch Handling (p.11). The response is adequate.
- 11. Exhibit A, Location Clarification. Your response requires clarification. As stated in our May 11 NOD the final BLM letter acknowledges proposed activity in Sections 16 and 21. Section 20 is not mentioned in the NOI application Exhibit A from the BLM. The Division requires acknowledgment from the BLM on the proposed activity in Section 20 as well to meet Rule 5.1.2(d)(vi). Please provide verification the proposed activity in Section 20 is not in contradiction to BLM acknowledged activity and no PoO is required for Section 20.
- 12. Drilling Fluids. The response is adequate.
- 13. <u>Additional Potential Disturbance</u>. The response is adequate.
- 14. Helicopter Flight Restrictions. The response is adequate.



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## **Financial Warranty:**

Based on your NOD responses the Division generated the attached reclamation cost estimate intended to supplement the bond held for P-2013-002. The estimate requires an additional \$14,635 to include helicopter access for reclamation, which is beyond the scope of activities approved under P-2013-002. The bond for hole abandonment held under P-2013-002 is adequate if it is converted to a statewide bond. The financial warranty for P-2013-002 consists of three certificates of deposit. I have included the necessary bond form for a statewide bond. I recommend completing this form and returning it to the Division to initiate conversion to a statewide bond.

Please be reminded that the proposed exploration operations identified in the application may not commence until the deficiencies are addressed and the bond is submitted and approved by the Division.

Please provide a written response (which should clearly indicate the Prospect ID No. P-2020-002) to address the above deficiencies within 60 days of this notice (July 25, 2020) or the Division may deny the modification application.

If you have any questions, please contact me (303-866-3567 ext. 8169).

Sincerely

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.

**Environmental Protection Specialist** 

Enclosures: 1) Reclamation Cost Estimate Summary

2) Blank Statewide Prospecting Financial Warranty on BLM land Certificate of Deposit

ec: Michael, Cunningham, DRMS Loren Komperdo, Zephyr
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## COST SUMMARY WORK

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