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Mine Name: Hanna Pit No. 1 | Mine ID: M-2004-045 | ePermit Number: 661671

Dear Stephanie Mitchell,

Regarding the above mentioned mine, this letter summarizes the events and change of legal names with the River Island Ranch Subdivision and Minerals Reclamation Permit over time. Given the following information, it appears that there is no valid connection between River Island Ranch Property Owners Association, LLC, and the permit:

- In 2005, Permit # M-2004-045 was granted to Thomas H. Smith, as a sole proprietorship.
- In 2005 Rio Grande Ranch, LLC was formed, ID #20051234233
- In 2005 River Island Ranch, LLC was formed, ID #20051238486
- In 2006, River Island Ranch Property Owners Association, LLC was formed, ID #20061324617
- In 2013, both Rio Grande Ranch, LLC and River Island Ranch, LLC were Voluntarily Dissolved, leaving only River Island Ranch POA, LLC
- Starting in 2014 to present, River Island Ranch POA, LLC has completed the annual reporting and fee payment on the mine permit for Rio Grande Ranch, LLC
- In 2015, a request to change the permit operator name was denied
- River Island Ranch POA is the owner of Parcel #1920404008, on which Hanna Pit No. 1 is located.

There appears to be no record of the transfer of the mine permit from Thomas H. Smith to Rio Grande Ranch, LLC. Further, there is no record of transfer from Rio Grande Ranch, LLC, to either River Island Ranch, LLC or River Island Ranch Property Owners Association, LLC.

River Island Ranch Property Owners Association, LLC has not removed material from the mine since its corporate inception, nor is there any intention of resuming mine operations. Given this information, River Island Ranch POA, LLC does not want to be an operations successor, wants to be dismissed of the annual reporting, requests that this mine permit be terminated and that reclamation be completed as documented in the permit.

If you have questions or want to discuss, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

Rick Hardy (electronic signature, email confirmation 6/2/2020)

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