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BLM Case File Number COC079090 Project Hummingbird Mine

Operator
Miners Mall LLC
Attn: Mr. Dennis Schneider
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Grand Junction, CO 81504

Location
Township T14S, Range R100WMINING AND SAFETY

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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION
Section 11

NOTIFICATION OF TECHNICAL COMPLETENESS PLAN OF OPERATION AMENDMENT, MINOR MODIFICATION

Dear Mr. Schneider:

We received your Plan of Operation, and subsequently assigned the case file number COC079090, for the Hummingbird Mine in our office on April 2nd, 2018. The project, located approximately 11 miles west-southwest of Whitewater, Mesa County, Colorado, entails mining along an outcropping vein at one (1) location accessed directly from CO Highway 141. Your proposed activity included creating one (1) open cut, with approximately 100 yards of overland access. All proposed work is to be completed by using hand tools and manual labor; no mechanized equipment or explosives were requested or authorized. The total proposed disturbance to be reclaimed on public lands under this Notice was approximately 0.31 acres. Occupancy was requested under the 43 CFR 3715 Regulations as part of the Plan of Operation.

An amendment to the Plan of Operation was received on July 24, 2020, and was determined to be technically complete on August 12, 2020. The Plan Amendment, named the Siberia Project, consolidated the technical plan to mine an open stope at the top of the cliff, and to access an underground working near the southern boundary of the claim. Both mine sites target the same vein. The new project area requires obtaining access through an existing portal and grate, and

does not change mining methods or add additional new disturbance, due to the presence of historic surface disturbance. Because DRMS utilizes a small mine qualification setting a minimum disturbance at 1 acre, this number is utilized as total permitted acres of disturbance, and represents an administrative adjustment to the existing plan of operation. Future amendments will be considered as minor modification as long as the total disturbance remains below 1 acre.

Since the new project area requires no additional surface disturbance, and no change to the reclamation bond already posted with DRMS, the plan amendment will be considered by BLM Interdisciplinary Team under the Determination of NEPA Adequacy (DNA) category based on analysis conducted for the original Plan of Operation and related Environmental Assessment (EA.) BLM will notify you of positive completion of a DNA finding, and then approve the commencement of operations under the Plan of Operations (as amended) once notification by CO-DRMS of successful completion of their permit process and bonding is received.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Eckberg at (970) 244-3077, or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Greg Wolfgang Field Manager

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cc:

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