



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

October 13, 2020

Notice to Interested Persons for the La Plata Project

**Re: La Plata Project, File No. P-2020-011, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI),
Decision to Accept Application over Objections**

Dear Party and/or Interested Person:

On October 13, 2020, the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) issued its decision to accept the application for the La Plata Project, File No. P-2020-011, submitted by the Gualt Group, LLC on behalf of Metallic Minerals US, Inc.

The Division has reviewed all received public comments and objections and determined most of the objections to be outside the scope of the project and non-jurisdictional in nature. However all jurisdictional issues raised by the parties have been adequately addressed in the application packet and submitted supplemental information in response to the Division's Notice of Deficiencies #2 dated October 8, 2020. Therefore, it is the Division's determination that the application and its supplemental materials satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, §34-32-101 et seq., C.R.S. (the Act) and the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules (the Rules). The Office is mandated to approve an application that meets the minimum requirements under C.R.S 34-32-115(4).

Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3 (d)(II) Any prospective prospector or person who filed a timely comment and who meets the definition of party may appeal an office determination within five (5) business days from the date the office sends notice of its decision. Such appeals must be made in writing, and submitted to the Division's Denver Office not later than **October 20, 2020**. In accordance with Rule 5.1.3 (d)(III) if such an appeal is received, the Board shall hear any such appeal at its next regularly scheduled meeting that is at least ten (10) calendar days from the date of the appeal.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist



Cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist
Russ Means, Active Mines Program Director, Minerals Program

Ec: Steve Glass, Gault Group, LLC.
Scott Petsel, Metallic Minerals US, Inc.

Attachment: Certificate of Service

Certificate of Service

I, Lucas West, hereby certify that on this 13th day of October 2020, I deposited a true copy of the foregoing document, Re: La Plata Project, File No. P-2020-011, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI), Decision to Approve Application over Objections in electronic format and in the United States Mail, postage paid, addressed to the following:

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10/13/2020

Lucas West

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All above listed parties