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Phil Sheridan Lode M-1988-081 Request to continue Cessation

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Dear Ms. Eschberger,

My apologies for this late reply to your letter of September 18, 2020.

I am Janice Wheeler, Harry Covey's daughter and Power of Attorney. I will do my best to provide the information that you requested.

a) Demonstration that the existing Financial Warranty of \$6,700.00 is adequate to cover reclamation liability.

We feel that this amount is adequate in any reclamation work needing to be done when and if the time comes. We possess heavy equipment and will do most, if not all of the work needing to be done ourselves. This amount was reevaluated a few years ago and since there has not been any work over the last 5 years we should be fine in the amount that has been previously determined.

b) Explanation as to why the operator has not commenced operations or begun reclamation.

As a family, we are currently discussing the future operations of the mine. Our options are to have family members continue the work or to possibly sell the mine to very interested investors that have approached us or perhaps a combination of the two. This entire process takes much time, legal council, and detailed contract and negotiations in order to finalize without rushing decisions. Thus, the need to request the additional cessation time, up to 5 years, to know what our plans are.

c) Demonstration of continued commitment to conduct mining operations at the site by the end of the 5 year period.

The above explanation, I believe, covers the information needed for this response. I do not see a need for cessation going past 5 years. Either the mine will be in operation or we will begin reclamation. The property is still adequately fenced and all shafts are securely capped and locked. Natural vegetation is growing nicely in the surrounding areas.

I am hoping that this information is what is needed to continue the cessation process. The check sent with our application on September 2, 2020 for \$115.00 has also cleared in securing the monetary obligation associated with this request.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information regarding this issue.

Thank you for your time and assistance in granting us the second 5 year portion of our cessation request.

Sincerely,

Janice A. Wheeler

POA for Harry Covey