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Mr. Elliott Russell
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Office of Mined Land Reclamation
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Permit No. M-1980-244; Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine; Cresson Project; Written notification – HGM Process Water Spill, December 8, 2020

Dear Mr. Russell:

In accordance with Rule 8, Section 8.2.3 of the Mineral Rules And Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board For Hard Rock, Metal, And Designated Mining Operations (Rules), Newmont Mining Corporation - Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) hereby provides the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) with a formal report regarding the December 8, 2020, process water solution spill that occurred at the High Grade Mill facility (HGM). Photos 1 and 2 show the area where the spill occurred before and after cleanup efforts were completed.

The following points address the requirements of Rule 8, section 8.2.3:

a. Actions taken to respond to and correct the emergency situation or condition

- Around 10:30 am on December 8, 2020, work was being performed on process water pumps at the HGM. Due to mechanical issues, backpressure was induced on water pumps, which resulted in overflow of containment of the HGM neutral water tank. Sump pumps were activated, but some solution overtopped containment along the east edge of the HGM facility. All solution remained on the mill liner.
- Once identified, CC&V personnel quickly addressed the problem and returned flow to normal operation.
- The impacted material was over-excavated and placed on the mill feed pile.

b. Any known or adverse impacts to human health, property or the environment

No impacts to human health or the environment were observed or are expected to occur due to the benign chemical composition of the process solution and the immediate response.

c. CC&V Contact

For any further information regarding this event please contact;

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d. Monitoring and analyses that are necessary to evaluate the situation and corrective actions

No sampling occurred because all solution remained on liner.

e. Results of the Operator's investigation

After initial review of the incident, the cause of the spill can be attributed to a temporary power outage that resulted in the loss of communication between the plant operators and the solution management system.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Jeana Ratcliff at 719-689-4125, or jeana.ratcliff@newmont.com, or myself at 719-689-4048 or Katie.Blake@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,



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Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine

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Enc: Photo 1: Process solution impacted area, looking West.
Photo 2: Process solution impacted area, post cleanup.

ec: Michael Cunningham, DRMS
Jeana Ratcliff, CC&V
Norma Townley, CC&V



Photo 1. Area impacted by process solution, looking northwest (12/8/20)



Photo 2. Area impacted by process solution – Post Cleanup, looking northwest (12/10/20)