

December 22, 2020

ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

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 Mining Company; Cresson Project; –
Written notification – HGM Process Water Spill, December 18, 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 18, 2020 process water solution spill that occurred at the west-end of the High Grade Mill facility (HGM).

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 03:30 am on December 18, 2020, process water storage tank #4's drain leaked process water between the High Grade Mill (HGM) and auxiliary buildings on the west side of the HGM. The solution leaked through a hose attached to the drain valve. All solution remained on the mill liner.
- Once identified, CC&V personnel quickly closed the drain valve, and the open end of the hose was strung back into primary containment.

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. Additionally, all solution spilled within a lined area.

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 drain valve not being fully closed.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 719-689-4048 or Katie.Blake@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,



Katie Blake
Sustainability Manager
Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Co

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Good Morning,

Please see the attached formal five-day notification report for this event and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you, Katie





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