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Dustin Czapla Environmental Protection Specialist Division of Mining, Reclamation and Safety

RE: Blue Creek Staging Area, File No M-2021-016 Special 111 Operation

Mr. Czapla,

Thank you for reviewing our initial application. We have addressed your concerns and I have attached a revised narrative along with the support documentation as required with the permit application. Details in are the narrative, but I wanted to summarize our revisions below:

6.3.2 Exhibit B Site Description

- (a) a copy of the NRCS soil map applicable for Gunnison County is included in this revision, as well as site specific soil conditions and vegetation classifications.
- (b) identify any permanent manmade structures Please see Map E-2

6.3.3 Exhibit C Mining Plan

- (b) the estimated depth of topsoil and deposit are mentioned in the narrative and correlate with Map E-2. Topsoil stockpiles are mentioned in the narrative and are in Map E-2.
- (c) the borrow area will be used for import fill to the jobs site, we are expecting an average depth of dirt/rocky dirt to be removed from the borrow area. This material may need to be screened or crushed to meet project specifications.
- (d) thickness of dirt/rocky dirt to be excavated is on average to 15'.
- (e) please see crushing equipment and loaders listed in the narrative.
- (f) please see Map E-2 for designated stockpile areas, crusher location and haul roads.
- (g) the are currently no roads on property, all new roads are listed in Map E-2.
- (m) Please see revised narrative and Map E-2, no chemicals or explosives will be used
- (p) no explosives will be used

6.3.4 Reclamation Plan

(c) Please see revised narrative for Reclamation Plan

(i), (ii), (iv), (v), (vi) Please see revised narrative for Reclamation Plan (d) Owner wishes a two track road to remain to access the property, but signification portions of the haul road will be reclaimed, contours are shown on E-3

6.3.11 Exhibit K – Terms of Governmental Contract
Please see attached GC contract and Sub Contracts