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May 4, 2021

Tyler Miller GRE, Inc. 331 Rio Grande Str. #201 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

## Re: Miller Midwest, File No. P-2021-004, Notice of Deficiency

Dear Mr. Miller:

On March 22, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety received your Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting application for the Miller Midwest site. Division Staff has identified the following items that need to be addressed before a decision can be rendered on the application.

## 1. Section II Maps & Drawings

a. A USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map and photographs were submitted with the application, however the photos show the existence of other historic mining structures located in the area. Please submit an accurate map of the site that shows the adit and any other sturctures located in the area. Please also indicate the route used for ingress and egress, as well as any parking areas or lay down areas involved in the project. Please also indicate the area that the earthen backfill material will be stockpiled during the prospecting activity.

## 2. Section III Project Description

- a. Item 3 of this section indicates that 150 tons material will be moved to gain access to the underground workings however recent discussions and photographs don't support that volume. Please provide an accurate estimate in Cubic Yards of the volume of material to be moved to gain access to the underground workings.
- b. Discussions with the US Forest Service (USFS) indicate that this is a high tourism area and prone to vandalism as well as attempted unauthorized entry of historic and permitted mines sites. In accordance with section 5 of application form, please discuss any and all measures that will be taken to prevent unauthorized entry during prospecting operations as well as when personnel is not present on the site.

## 3. Section IV Operation and Reclamation Measures

- a. Item 5 states that the main portal closure will be reinforced, please provide more details on the reinforcements, or reconstruction of the portal closure that will be conducted as part of the reclamation efforts.
- 4. It is understood that permitting will be required through the USFS, please note that the Authorization to Proceed will not be issued until the Division receives concurrence on the Reclamation Cost



Estimate for the Financial Warranty and approval documents of the applicable permit through the USFS has been received.

Please submit your responses to the above listed items no later than Friday May 21, 2021 in order for the Division to have sufficient time to review. If your response nor a written request for an extension is not received by May 27, 2021 your application may be denied.

If you need any additional information, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field office at 101 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 301, Grand Junction, CO 81501, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

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