

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

June 8, 2021

Tate Calvert GRE, Inc. 311 Rio Grande Street #201 Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Re: Calvert Golconda, File No. P-2021-007, Notice of Deficiencies

Dear Mr. Calvert,

On May 24, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your response to the Division's Notice of Filing Deficiency and the above listed application for a Notice of Intent to conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) was considered complete and filed. During the technical adequacy review period, Division staff has identified the following items that must be addressed vefore a decision can be rendered on the application.

## 1. Section II Maps & Drawings

- a. Site photographs and a Screen Shot from Google Earth was submitted with the application, however the photographs and screen shot do not identify all features associated with the project. Pursuant to Rule 5.1.2(d)(v) please submit a U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle or similar map of adequate scale that meets the requirements of subsections (a) and (b). The map should include the location of the portal, storage location for any materials excavated to gain access to the closure, as well as the location of the proposed culvert improvement on County Road 21.
- b. In addition, please submit detailed drawings of the proposed culvert improvement. The information should include the length of culvert to be installed, diameter of culvert, volume of material to be excavated and any finish work needed to blend the existing road surface with the disturbed area.

## 2. III Project Description

- a. Item 5 states that the improvements to County Road 21 will be performed as instructed by Hinsdale County. Please submit documentation from Hinsdale County of the required improvements, and any monitoring or reclamation they may require.
- b. Item 6, k, requires the applicant to describe the anticipated relationship to surface water and groundwater to the project. The application states that this is not applicable, however the photo documentation submitted shows a draining flow path with visible mineral staining within the flow path. This suggests that a discharge from the portal is present. Please note that re-entering a historic draining mine adit carries with it the responsibility of acquiring a discharge permit with the Colorado Department of Public Health and



Environment (CDPHE). Please submit documentation indicating if the flow is emanating from the adit, any available water quality information, if none exists, please conduct sampling of the discharge and submit the analytical report detailing the quality of the water. In addition, if the discharge is coming from the portal, please provide documentation of an approved discharge permit obtained from CDPHE.

The current Decision Date for your application is Wednesday June 30, 2021. Please submit your responses to the above listed items no later than Wednesday June 23, 2021 to allow sufficient time for review. If more time is required for your response please submit a Decision Date Extension Request, in writing, to the Division's Denver Office prior to the Decision Date.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office at 101 South 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,

Lucas J. West

**Environmental Protection Specialist** 

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