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Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

June 9, 2021

Jim Giulinger
Standard Metals Processing Inc
3500 Washington Ave
Suite 2100
Houston, TX 77007

Re: Wedding Bell Project (Section 23 Area), File No. P-2021-009, Notice of Deficiencies

Dear Mr. Giulinger:

On May 24, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) your response to the Division's Notice of Deficiency document dated April 26, 2021 and your application was considered complete and filed. During the technical adequacy review period, Division staff has identified the following items that must be addressed before a decision can be rendered on the application.

1. Section II Maps & Drawings

- a. While appropriate maps were submitted sufficient to locate each drill pad associated with the this project, please provide a general layout drawing of each pad, including roads to be constructed and reclaimed, any berms to be constructed, location of stockpiled material and layout of drill holes on the pads.

2. Section IV Operation and Reclamation Measures

- a. For the reclamation measures detailed in Section IV, please indicate what type and size of equipment will be used to complete the reclamation as described in this section.
- b. Section IV, Item 4 indicates a Plugging and Abandonment method of installing a bridge plug and sealing the whole with bentonite. Please clarify the depth that the plug will be installed and the approximate volume of bentonite required to fill the hole from plug to surface.
- c. Section IV, item 4 also suggests that each hole will be plugged before moving to the next. Please clarify if that applies to each of the 11 holes, or if separate pads will be drilled simultaneously resulting in several holes, on various pads, will be open at any given time during the operation. If multiple pads will be drilled simultaneously please indicate the number of holes to be open at any given time.
- d. Section IV item 6 indicates that the roads will be raked and seeded, please clarify the method of seed bed prep whether by hand or equipment
- e. Section IV, item 7 does not mention if any mulching will be applied to the seeded areas, please clarify if that is correct, if not and mulch will be applied to seeded areas, please indicate the type, and rate at which the mulch will be applied.



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 3rd 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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