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MINE ENGINEERING MINE RECLAMATION

CIVIL ENGINEERING CONST. MANAGEMENT

August 4, 2021

Rob Zuber Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St., Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Minrec, Inc. North Thompson Creek Mine

Request for Final Bond Release

Permit No. C-1981-025

Dear Mr. Zuber:

The follow information comprises Minrec's application for a final bond release for its North Thompson Creek Mines.

1. Date of Request: August 4, 2021

2. Permittee: Minrec, Inc.

3. Permit No. C-1981-025

4. Date Permit was approved:

Initial Permanent Program Permit Issuance August 15, 1983 Current Renewal Permit Issued August 15, 2018

5. Mine Name: North Thompson Creek Mines

6. Phase of Bond Release Requested: Phase III

7. Number of Acres: 4.1 Acre developed water resources area and 1093.5 acre permit

area.

8. Bond Company: Certificate of Deposit

9. Bond: Number N/A

10. Current Total Bond Amount: \$ 10,000

11. Original Total Bond Amount: \$1,750,000

12. Dollar Amount Requested for Release:

\$ 10,000

13. Legal Description of Area Requested: The permit area legal description follows:

Township 8 South, Range 89 West, 6th P.M.

Section 27: S/2SE/4SW/4, W/2SE/4, W/2E/2SE/4

Section 34: SE/4, E/2NW/4, S/2NE/4, NW/4NE/4, W/2NE/4NE/4

Section 35: W/2SW/4, Portions of E/2SW/4, SW/4NW/4, W/2W/2SE/4NW/4 E/2S/2N/2SE/4NW/4, E/2W/2S/2N/2SE/4NW/4

Township 9 South, Range 89 West, 6th P.M.

Section 2: NW/4NW/4, SW/4NW/4, W/2NE/4NW/4, Portions of

E/2NE/4NW/4, Portions of SE/4NW/4, NW/4SW/4, Portions of

W/2NE/4SW/4

Section 3: NE/4, N/2SE/4

14. Maps Showing Area: Figures 1 and 2 are attached.

- 15. Dates Reclamation Work Performed: The major portion of the reclamation work was performed during 1986 and 1987. Some ponds were reclaimed during 1994 and the No. 1 Mine Portal area was contoured and seeded late in 1998.
- 16. A description of results achieved: In 2009 DRMS though its permit action SL-06 granted Phase III bond release to all of the mine disturbed and affected areas except certain underground mine workings and the 4.1 acre developed water resources area. The 4.1 acre developed water resources area has been approved as a permanent feature at the site.
- 17. Copies of the written notice to seek release to parties identified in Rule 3.03.2(1): A Certificate of Service which documents the notices required under Rule 3.03.2(1) have been mailed is enclosed.
- 18. Copy of newspaper advertisement: Proof of publication of the public notice is attached.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

J. E. Stover

J. E. Stover, P.E. Consulting Engineer

Enclosures

Cc: Office of Surface Mining

Garfield County Clerk & Recorder

Certification Statement

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss
COUNTY OF MESA)

I, James Stover, hereby certify that all applicable reclamation activities performed at Minrec's North Thompson Creek Mines, mining permit C-1981-025, have been accomplished in accordance with the requirements of the Act, the rules and the approved reclamation program.

James Stover

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me this 4th day of August 2021 in the County of Mesa, State of Colorado.

My Commission expires: 12-09-2022

Signature of Notary

TONYA HAMMOND
Notary Public
State of Colorado
Notary ID # 19884005365
My Commission Expires 12-09-2022

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

NORTH THOMPSON CREEK MINES

FINAL RELEASE OF BOND LIABILITY – North Thompson Creek Mines

Rule 3.03.2(1) requires that notice of intention to seek release from bond be sent to adjoining property owners, surface owners, appropriate local government bodies, municipalities, regional planning commissions, boards of county commissioners, county planning agencies, sewage and water treatment authorities, and water conservancy and water conservation districts.

I hereby certify that I have served a true and correct copy of the attached final bond release letter for adjacent landowners and local governing bodies by placing same in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid, on August 04, 2021.

Crystal River Ranch Company 555 17th Street Denver, CO 80202

North Thompson-Four Mile Mineral and Land Corporation 4239 Highway 133 Carbondale, CO 81623

Carbondale Town Government 511 Colorado Avenue Carbondale, CO 81623

Garfield County Commissioners 108 8th Street, Suite 101 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Pitkin Board of County Commissioners 530 E. Main Street, Suite 302 Aspen, CO 81611

Colorado River Water Conservation District P.O. Box 1120 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

Division of Water Resources Water Division No. 5 P.O. Box 396 Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

U. S. Forest Service 900 Grand Avenue Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Bureau of Land Management 2300 River Frontage Road Silt, CO 81652 Cindy Houben Aspen/Pitkin Community Development Director 530 E. Main Street, Suite 205 Aspen, CO 81611

Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning 145 S Cascade Ave Montrose, CO 81401

Colorado Department of Transportation 222 So. 6th #317 Grand Junction, CO 81501-2769

Colorado Parks and Wildlife 711 Independent Avenue Grand Junction, CO 81505

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FINAL BOND RELEASE LETTER FOR ADJACENT LANDOWNERS AND LOCAL GOVERING BODIES

Dear People:

Minrec, Inc. is responsible for the North Thompson Creek Mines under Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety, Permit No. C-1981-025. The major portion of the reclamation work at the mine was performed during 1986 and 1987. Some ponds were reclaimed during 1994 and the No. 1 Mine Portal area was contoured and seeded late in 1998. In 2009 DRMS though its permit action SL-06 granted Phase III bond release to all of the mine disturbed and affected areas except certain underground mine workings and the 4.1 acre developed water resources area. The 4.1 acre developed water resources area has been approved as a permanent feature at the site.

One provision of the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety's Rules is that the mine must be bonded for the estimated reclamation cost. Minrec, Inc. has formerly requested a final bond release from the Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety. Minrec, Inc. has a bond of \$10,000 and has requested the entire bond be released. In accordance with the Division's Rule 3.03.2(1), Minrec, Inc., is required to send written notice of its bond release request to adjacent land owners, surface owners and various local governing bodies.

The areas for which bond release are being requested are the permit areas overlying the underground coal mine workings and the 4.1 acre developed water resources area. The permit area consists of the lands located in Sections 27, 34 and 35, T. 8 S., R. 89 W., 6th P.M. and Sections 2 and 3 T. 9 S., R. 89 W., 6th P.M. The North Thompson Creek mines are located approximately 9.5 miles from the bridge across the Crystal River up County Road 108, (North Thompson Creek Road) in Pitkin County.

Sincerely,

J. E. Stover

J. E. Stover, P.E. Consulting Engineer

Ad #: 0000704247-01

Customer: J.E. STOVER & ASSOC. INC., Your account number is: 1023398

PROOF OF PUBLICATION **GLENWOOD SPRINGS POST INDEPENDENT** STATE OF COLORADO **COUNTY OF GARFIELD**

I, Samantha Johnston, do solemnly swear that I am Associate General Manager of the GLENWOOD SPRINGS POST INDEPENDENT, that the same daily newspaper printed, in whole or in part and published in the County of Garfield, State of Colorado, and has a general circulation therein; that said newspaper has been published continuously and uninterruptedly in said County of Garfield for a period of more than fifty-two consecutive weeks next prior to the first publication of the annexed legal notice or advertisement and that said newspaper has published the requested legal notice and advertisement as requested.
The GLENWOOD SPRINGS POST INDEPENDENT is an accepted legal advertising medium, only for jurisdictions

operating under Colorado's Home Rule provision.

That the annexed legal notice or advertisement was published in the regular and entire issue of every number of said daily newspaper for the period of 4 insertions; and that the first publication of said notice was in the issue of said newspaper dated 7/12/2021 and that the last publication of said notice was dated 8/2/2021 in the issue of said newspaper.

In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand this day, 8/3/2021.

Samantha Johnston, Associate General Manager

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the County of Garfield, State of Colorado this day 8/3/2021.

Jeri Medina, Notary Public

My Commission Expires: August 19, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

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