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MINE ENGINEERING MINE RECLAMATION

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October 25, 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 SL-07

Adequacy Response No. 1 Permit No. C-1981-025

Dear Mr. Zuber:

DRMS' letter dated September 23, 2021 transmitted its adequacy review for the referenced bond release. DRMS requested a letter indicating the ponds will be maintained to prevent pollution of North Thompson Creek. The permittee has agreed to maintain the ponds in their current configuration to prevent pollution of the North Thompson Creek in the future. The pond maintenance agreement is attached.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

J. E. Stover

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

Cc: Office of Surface Mining

Garfield County Clerk & Recorder

POND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

On October <u>22</u>, 2021, Minrec, Inc. P. O. Box 117 Grand Junction, CO 81502 ("Minrec") entered into this pond maintenance agreement.

North Thompson-Four Mile Mineral and Land Company ("NTFM") owns land on which five permanent ponds are located. The ponds are referred to as the long pond, pond T-1, pond T-2, pond 9 and the refuse pond. NTFM has been using the ponds for its cattle operation.

Minrec is in the process of obtaining full and final bond release from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("DRMS"). As part of the bond release, Minrec agrees to maintain the ponds in their current configuration to prevent pollution of the North Thompson Creek in the future.

Minrec, Inc.

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