

November 16, 2021

James Branch and Natasha Goldberg HCR High Country Repair 2632 McCormick Ave. Pueblo, CO 81001

RE: Ghost River Gravel Pit, Permit No. M2003-002, Financial Warranty Increase, Revision No. SI-2, 60-day Extension

Dear Ms. Goldberg,

On August 26, 2021 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) increased the current Financial Warranty for the Ghost River Gravel Pit (M2003-002) to \$49,316.00, in accordance with Rule 4.2.1 of the Rules and Regulations. This is an increase of \$30,204.00.

The Division ordered amendment of the current Financial Warranty, or submittal of a new Financial Warranty reflecting the increase, was due on October 25, 2021. The Division is extending the due date another 60-days from the date of this letter to **January 15, 2022**.

Alternatively, the operator may begin reclamation activities at the site to reduce the financial liability. Due to the Board Order signed on October 22, 2021 all activities at the site must be approved in writing by the Division prior to commencement. Please provide a description of the reclamation activities that will preformed at the site for the Division's approval. Once the reclamation activities have been completed please contact the Division to schedule an inspection of the site to recalculate the financial liability. Please note a Conversion Application is still required to be submitted to the Division, under the Board Order, due no later than January 22, 2022.

Please make arrangements with Sara Stevenson-Benn at the Division's Denver office for submittal of the financial warranty. Any other questions regarding completion, execution and/or submittal of financial warranty forms should also be directed to Sara. Her phone number is 303-866-3567 or by email at <u>sara.stevenson-benn@state.co.us</u>.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8114**, or by email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg Environmental Protection Specialist



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