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James Stark Coal Program Supervisor Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

Re: Phase III Bond Release and Termination of Jurisdiction; MINREC, Incorporated; North Thompson Creek Mine; C-1981-025

Dear Mr. Stark,

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Branch's (DFB) receipt and review of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (DRMS) October 27, 2021 Proposed Decision and Findings of Compliance regarding the Phase III Bond Release and Termination of Jurisdiction of the North Thompson Creek Mine.

By email dated November 10, 2021, the Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office confirmed that there are no longer any active leases associated with this permit. Therefore, concurrence from the BLM and OSMRE is not required.

Thank you and your staff for coordinating this bond release action through the OSMRE Denver Field Branch. Please direct any questions to Dan MacKinnon, AML and Regulatory Program Specialist, at <u>dmackinnon@osmre.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

Howard E. Strand, Manager Denver Field Branch

C: MINREC, Inc.