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Department of Natural Resources

MEMO TO FILE

Date: 2/23/2022

Specialist: T. Cazier

Signed: 

Subject/Operator/Operation/File No. Clarification on WG-16-34 and WG-16-34A borehole abandonment for P-2013-002

Type of Interaction: Meeting ☒ Phone ☐ Email ☐ Other

Person(s) contacted and affiliation: Loren Komperdo (Zephyr Gold, USA)

Summary:

On February 21, 2022, the DRMS received a response to the inspection report (dated 2/3/2022) for the Dawson Gold Project NOI. The response letter explained two boreholes were drilled within ~2.5 feet of each other due to the first one (WG-16-34) intersecting an existing adit in which the core barrel was lost and the hole collapsed. The second (WG-16-34A) was drilled to a depth of 115 feet days later about 2.5 feet from WG-16-34.

A conference call with Mr. Komperdo and Angela Bellantoni was initiated on February 22, 2022 in which Mr. Komperdo explained the hole designated as WG-16-34 had collapsed on itself within a short time after drilling it and the drill string was retrieved, but that the core barrel was not. He also confirmed no drill string or core was anywhere near the surface of the hole and the material that filled the collapsed hole was road base. As this was not a conventional borehole, having terminated at a shallow depth (39 feet), into a dry adit; the DRMS determined a borehole abandonment report is not necessary for WG-16-34.

A review of the February 21 response letter and the drill logs for boreholes WG-16-34 and -34A submitted with it, indicated drill rods were twisted off and the core barrel lost in the second hole, WG-16-34A. I contacted Mr. Komperdo via email on 2/23/2022 to clarify in which hole the core barrel was lost. He replied core barrels were lost in both holes. It should be noted a borehole abandonment report was received for WG-16-34A (but was designated WG-16-34 when received) on 10/31/2016.

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