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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

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Ben Moline, P.E., Senior Manager
Water Resources & Environmental Compliance
Molson Coors Beverage Company
P.O. Box 4030
Golden, CO 80402

Re: Keenesburg Strip Mine (Permit No. C-1981-028), Preliminary Adequacy Review for SL-11

Dear Mr. Moline:

On June 21, 2022, the Division received the SL-11 bond release application from Coors Energy Company (CEC). I have reviewed the application and also conducted a bond release inspection of the site on August 29, 2022. The following adequacy items need to be addressed by CEC prior to a decision by the Division on this application.

1. The following sentence appears on the first page of the application: "Figures 2- 5 show the post-mining contours as compared to the approved topography in the Reclamation Plan in plan view and cross-section." However, Figures 4 and 5 do not include lines for approved topography. Please explain this apparent discrepancy, and update the text and/or figures, as appropriate.
2. In Figure 3, the Final Cover As Built Surface appears to be inaccurate. This figure suggests that the topsand piles still exist in Area 38, but they clearly have been removed, per many inspections by the Division. Please revise Figure 3 to match the current on-the-ground conditions.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at Rob.Zuber@state.co.us or 720.601.2276.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Protection Specialist

