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### Transmitted Electronically via Email.

Mr. Peter Hays Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 1313 Sherman St., Rm. 215 Denver, CO 80203

#### Re: Request for Release of Warranties – Red Mountain Exploration Drilling NOI P-2011-014

Mr. Hays:

Climax Molybdenum Company requests a Release of Warranties, pursuant to Rule 4.16.1, of Red Mountain Notice Of Intent (NOI) P-2011-014.

Climax Molybdenum Company has completed reclamation of the Red and Harrison Mountain NOI location, per the requirements stated in Rule 4.16.1 (2):

- a. Operation: Red Mountain Operator: Climax Molybdenum Company File Number: P-2011-014 Contact: Miguel Hamarat PO Box 68 Empire, CO 80438; 720-942-3255
- b. Consider this letter the signed statement of the Prospector that all reclamation requirements of the prospecting notice have been satisfied;
- c. Consider the "Native Vegetation and Reclamation plan (Attachment A) as the narrative describing reclamation activities;
- d. Photographs dated July 26, 2022 of the Red and Harrison Mt reclaimed areas are provided as Attachment B; and
- e. A map of sufficient detail to determine the location of the prospecting activity is provided as Attachment C.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-942-3631.

Sincerely,

Geoff Niggeler Chief Environmental Engineer Climax Molybdenum Company Henderson Operations

- CC (via email): M. Hamarat, Climax
  - A. Hilshorst, Climax
  - B. Bowles, DRMS

Attachments:

- A. Reclamation Narrative
- B. Photos of Reclaimed area on 7/26/2022
- C. Map of Prospecting Activity Location

### Attachment A Reclamation Narrative

The native vegetation of the areas disturbed consisted of a subalpine ecosystem. The most common vegetation community is coniferous forest, but aspen forests and subalpine meadows are also widespread thought the ecosystem. The subalpine coniferous forests are generally dominated by Engelmann Spruce (*Picea engelmannii*) and subalpine fir (*Abies lasiocarpa*). Bristlecone pine, limber pine and lodgepole pine are also common. The understory of the coniferous forests is generally sparse, but common understory species include: heartleaf arnica (*Arnica cordifolia*), woodland strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), Jacob's-ladder (*Polemonium pulcherrinum*), gooseberry (*Ribes montigenum*), American red raspberry (*Rubus idaeus*), dwarf bilberry (*Vaccinium cespitosum*).

Subalpine Aspen Forest: Stands of quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) are interspersed among the coniferous. The understory of the aspen forest is more densely vegetated than that of the coniferous forests and includes: common juniper (*Juniperus communis*), gooseberry, dwarf bilberry, big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata*), tufted hairgrass, and other grasses.

Subalpine meadows are interspersed between stands of coniferous and aspen forest. Subalpine meadows reside in various topographic positions and are found on slopes as steep as 2H:1V to completely flat. The slope subalpine meadow areas are dominated by common juniper, big sagebrush, shrubby cinquefoil (Dasiphora fruticosa), gooseberry, and dwarf bilberry. Dominant grasses include tufted hairgrass and slender wheatgrass and dominant forbs include Whipple's penstemon (Penstemon whippleanus) and tall blacktip ragwort (Senecio atratus).

Listed in the table below is a DRMS approved seed mix for Climax Molybdenum, Henderson Mine and Mill, to be used for post-mining land use priorities and specific reclamation projects. This seed mixture has been successful at achieving vegetative cover and soil stabilization while including native species and diversifying the species community. Upland reclamation areas being permanently reclaimed were seeded with the approved upland reclamation seed mixture. The seed mixture was broadcast at a target of 50 pure live seeds per square foot (PLS/sf). Approved upland seed mixture alternate plant species were used when original species are unavailable. Seeds were broadcast after regrading of all disturbed areas. A wooded mulch was applied with the seed mixture on the drill pad disturbance areas only as a stabilizer. No mulch was added to the access road areas, only the seed mixture was applied.

Species	Common Name	<b>Desired Species</b>	Seeding Rate
I I		Composition	(PLS/acre)
	Graminoids		
Bromus marginatus	Mountain brome	5%	1.70
Deschampsia caespitosa	Tufted hairgrass	10%	0.09
Elymus glaucus	Blue wildrye	10%	1.62
Elymus trachycaulus	Slender wheatgrass 10%		1.37
Festuca idahoensis	Idaho fescue 10%		0.48
Festuca saximontana	Rocky Mountain 10% fescue		0.34
Pascopyrum smithii	Western wheatgrass 5%		0.99
Phleum alpinum	Alpine timothy 5%		0.08
Poa pratensis spp. Agassizensis	Rocky Mountain 7% bluegrass		0.07
Poa alpine	Alpine bluegrass	5%	0.11
Graminoid Subtotal		77%	6.85
	Forbs		
Achillea millefolium	Common yarrow	5%	0.04
Linum lewisii	Blue flax	5%	0.37
Penstemon strictus	Rocky Mountain penstemon	5%	0.18
Vicia Americana	American vetch	2%	1.33
Forb Subtotal		17%	1.92
	Shrubs		
Rosa woodsii	Wood's rose	2%	0.96
Ribes montigenum	Gooseberry currant	2%	0.22
Shepherdia	Russet buffaloberry	2%	0.74
Shrub Stbtotal		6%	1.92
<b>Combined Totals</b>		100%	10.69

**Table 1.0 Upland Reclamation Seed Mixture** 

## Attachment B

Photos of the Disturbed areas of Red and Harrison Mt. on 07/26/2022













# Location HPP1



## Location HPP1 Uphill

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## Location RP3







# Location RR1





Attachment C Red and Harrison Mountain Drill Site Map







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