

September 12, 2022

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RE: La Plata Project, NOI No. P-2020-011 , NOI Modification Application (MD-01) Adequacy Review

Mr. Glass:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the application can be considered for approval.

1. The current NOI authorized four drill holes. The existing required financial warranty amount is based on no more than one hole being open at a time. Rule 5.7 requires that no later than sixty days after the completion of the abandonment of any drill hole which has artesian flow at the surface, or no later than twelve months after the completion of the abandonment of any other drill holes, the Prospector shall submit to the Division a final abandonment report. On November 29, 2021, with your annual report, you submitted a page with the words "Abandonment report to be provided under separate cover". However, abandonment reports for the holes that have been drilled already have not been received. In order to show the existing financial warranty is still adequate, which is based on no more than one hole open at a time, please provide the abandonment report for the holes that have been drilled.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Friday, September 30, 2022.

The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dustin Czapla', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dustin Czapla

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