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DRMS Inspection Additional Information Requested

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Amy, attached is the additional information requested regarding Monitoring of Mine Plan Response to Comments Regarding Corrective Action Submittal. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Johnna.Gonzalez@Newmont.com or Katie.Blake@Newmont.com. Thank you.

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Ms. Amy Eschberger
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Resources Division of Reclamation,
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**Re: Cresson Project, Permit No. M-1980-244; Monitoring of Mine Plan Response to
Comments Regarding Corrective Action Submittal**

Dear Ms. Eschberger:

On July 26, 2022, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the Division) completed a routine monthly inspection, accompanied by representatives of Newmont Corporation's Cripple Creek and Victor Mining Company (CC&V). This letter is in response to the Division's request for additional information and/or clarification of corrective actions submitted by CC&V on October 17, 2022.

Division comments in italic text and CC&V response provided in bold text.

1. *The Division has the following question(s) regarding the photos provided to demonstrate visual markers have been placed in the sumps to mark one foot above the bottom of the sump (in accordance with TR-127):*

- The photo of LDS-1 does not clearly show that an appropriate visual marker has been placed in this sump. Please provide a photo that clearly shows the visual marker.*

Please see the attached photographs of LDS-1. This LD sump is a deep sump and does not allow for adequate lighting when taking photos. The visual marker is more apparent in field conditions.

- The photo of LDS-2 shows a traffic cone has been placed on the bottom of the sump to indicate when one foot of water is present in the sump (same for LDS-6 and LDS-7). Please explain why a cone is being utilized as a visual marker rather*

than placing reflective tape on the sump wall (as was done in other sumps). Additionally, please specify the total height of the cone and which part of the cone (e.g., top, top of reflective stripe, bottom of reflective stripe) will be used to mark one foot of water in the sump.

The way the sumps are designed does not allow for the reflective tape to be placed on the wall of the sump where it can be seen. Cones were placed in the sump with reflective tape at the top to indicate the one-foot level. The one-foot level is measured at the top of the reflective tape.

- *The photo of LDS-4 indicates a reflective rectangle has been placed to mark the one-foot level in this sump. It is difficult to make out any details in the photo provided. Please describe where exactly the reflective rectangle was placed in the sump. Additionally, please explain why this method is being utilized as a visual marker rather than placing reflective tape on the sump wall (as was done in other sumps). Finally, please describe how the rectangle will be used to visually indicate one foot of water is present in the sump.*

Due to the low oxygen levels, the operators were not able to enter the sump to place a marker on the side of the wall. An in-house triangle stand was made and placed at the bottom of the LD sump. This triangle stand has reflective tape as a visual marker that is measured at the top of the tape to indicate the 1-foot level.

2. *The Division has the following question(s) regarding the photos provided to demonstrate the buckets have been removed from sumo inlet pipes:*
 - a. *The photo of LDS-10 only shows a portion of this sump, making it difficult to confirm the bucket has been removed from the inlet pipe. Please provide a photo that shows the entire sump bottom and inlet pipe.*

Please see the attached photographs.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Johnna Gonzalez at 719-851-4190 or Johnna.Gonzalez@newmont.com or me at Katie.Blake@newmont.com.



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Sincerely,

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LDS-1 Photograph taken 10-26-22



LDS - Visual marker. Marker is more apparent in the field



LDS-1 - Another view of the visual marker



LDS-10, Photograph taken 10-26-22



LDS-10 Photograph taken 10-26-22, showing
bucket removed