



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

February 22, 2023

Peter Freedman
PO Box 1424
Edwards, CO 81632

**Re: West Side Placer Bulk Sample Program, Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration (NOI)
Application
Notice of Deficiency #1**

Dear Peter Freedman:

On February 10, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration Operations package for the West Side Placer Bulk Sample Program located in Moffat County. The Division has reviewed the revised application materials that were submitted and deemed the information deficient. Please provide the following information for the Division's review:

- Per Rule 5.1.2(d)(vi), documentation of legal right to enter is necessary prior to approval of the NOI from the Division. Prospectors will need to provide with the NOI the approved exploration lease provided by the Colorado State Land Board for this property. The NOI with the Division only grants the right to the requested minerals but not the right to remove those minerals. As stated in the application, an Exploration Permit NO EP-113980 has been granted to AuPt Industries LLC for the areas under the requested NOI however, it has not been provided for the Division's review under the NOI application. **Please provide the approved Exploration Permit for the associated area under this NOI for the Division's review to ensure Rule 5.1.2(d)(vi) has been satisfied.**
- In reviewing the materials submitted, no bonding has been provided with the West Side Placer Bulk Sample Program application. Per Rule 5.3.3(1), upon filing the Notice of Intent to Conduct Exploration, the person shall provide Financial Warranty in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) per acre of the land to be disturbed, or such other amount as determined by the Office, based on the projected costs of reclamation. **Based on the materials submitted, the bond amount of \$4,000.00 must be posted prior to the Division accepting your Notice pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-113(4)(a).**

PLEASE NOTE THAT PROSPECTING OPERATIONS MAY NOT COMMENCE UNTIL A PERMIT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIVISION AFTER RECEIPT AND VERIFICATION OF THE FINANCIAL BY THE DIVISION.

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

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ZTJ' with a stylized flourish.

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