



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

May 9, 2023

George L. Quist
1849 Trail Creek Rd.
Lake George, CO 80827

Re: Adequacy Review 2, 110(1) Hardrock Application, Quist Mining, File No. M-2023-002

Dear Mr. Quist,

On April 18, 2023, the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your Adequacy Review Responses for your 110(1) Hardrock Limited Impact Operation Reclamation Permit Application for the proposed operation known as Quist Mining, File No. M-2023-002. The Division submits the following additional comments. **Please note, the Division is required to make a decision on the application no later than May 31, 2023.**

EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan (Rule 6.3.3)

1. The Division has calculated the required financial warranty for the site to be \$6,600.00. A copy of the reclamation cost summary is attached for your review. The United States Forest Service (USFS) has concurred with the Division's cost estimate, however, please note, the USFS may require an additional bond to be posted with their agency to cover any reclamation tasks outside the jurisdiction of the Division (i.e. outside the DRMS permit boundary). At this time, upon approval of the application, the required financial warranty for the proposed operation will be set at \$6,600.00; please contact me prior to the decision date to discuss any questions regarding the cost estimate or if you identify any errors with this calculation.

EXHIBIT G – Source of Legal Right to Enter (Rule 6.3.7)

2. The Division has been notified that the USFS has discovered their Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) process was not fully concluded and is waiting for a 106 consultation with the State Historical Preservation Office. An approved or conditionally approved MPO or NOI from the USFS serves as the surface legal right to enter documentation for your permit application. In accordance with Rule 6.3.7, the Division must receive a copy of an approved or conditionally approved MPO or NOI from the USFS prior to approving your permit application.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 303-866-3567 ext. 8132 or elliott.russell@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Elliott R. Russell
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosures: Reclamation Cost Estimate M2023002

Cc: Michael Cunningham, Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
Amy Titterington, United States Forest Service

