

## MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

| MINE NAME:   | ]                      | MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:         | MINERAL:                         | COUNTY:     |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Henderson Mine Exploration Drilling - Puzzl                |                        | P-2022-006                    | Molybdenum                       | Clear Creek |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b>                                    | ,                      | WEATHER: Clear                | INSP. DATE:                      | INSP. TIME: |
| Monitoring   |                        |                               | June 14, 2023                    | 10:00       |
| OPERATOR:  |                        | OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:      | TYPE OF OPERATION:               |             |
| Climax Molybdenum Company Jo                               |                        | Jolyn Bryant                  | MP - Mineral Prospecting         |             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>                              |                        | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> | BOND AMOUNT:                     |             |
| Normal I&E Program   |                        | Partial Bond                  | \$17,000.00                      |             |
| DATE OF COMPLAINT:   |                        | POST INSP. CONTACTS:          | JOINT INSP. AGENCY:              |             |
| NA   |                        | None                          | None                             |             |
| INSPECTOR(S):<br>Peter Hays<br>Brock Bowles<br>Joel Renfro | INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: |                               | SIGNATURE DATE:<br>June 26, 2023 |             |

### **GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS**

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

| (AR) RECORDS <u>Y</u>                    | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY Y           | (RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>          |
|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>         | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>    | (EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>     |
| (PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>N</u>   | (SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES <u>N</u> | (TS) TOPSOIL <u>Y</u>        |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u> | (FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>       | (RV) REVEGETATION <u>N</u>   |
| (SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</u>          | (SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>  | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP <u>N</u> |
| (ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>      | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION <u>N</u> | (ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>   |
| (AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>N</u>    | (OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>       |                              |

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Henderson Mine Exploration Drilling - Puzzler Target was inspected by Peter Hays, Brock Bowles and Joel Renfro with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) as part of the Division's monitoring inspection program. Ms. Jolyn Bryant with Climax Molybdenum - Henderson Operations (Henderson) was present during the inspection.

The Henderson Mine Exploration Drilling - Puzzler Target was approved by the Division on June 23, 2022 and issued on June 30, 2022. The prospecting site is located on private land in Clear Creek County. The mineral of interest is Molybdenum Porphyry. The anticipated completion date is October 31, 2023. The NOI is approved for 0.57 acres of disturbance for the completion of two (2) 4.5" diameter drill holes to a length of 3,300 feet with one (1) mud pit. The disturbed acreage consists of a 688 foot long access road and a 50' x 90' drill pad. The following chemicals may be used on-site and will be stored in MSHA approved methods and containers: Quick Gel, EZ- Mud, EZ-Mud Gold, Soda Ash, Quicktrol Gold, NXS Lube, Rod Grease, Cellulose, Cement and/or Abandonite.

The construction of the access road, drill pad and mud pit are complete. No drilling equipment was present during the inspection. One (1) of the prospecting holes was drilled and abandoned last year. The drill hole marker was observed during the inspection. The Prospector plans to complete the second drill hole next year (2024). The Division will require the Prospector to submit a modification to the NOI to extend the anticipated completion date for the project when the date is known.

Small amounts for drill mud and oil staining were observed on the drill pad. The Prospector stated a site services company was hired to clean up the site soon.

The Division holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$17,000.00, which appeared adequate to reclaim the current disturbances at the site.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303.866.3567 x 8124, or by email at peter.hays@state.co.us.

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



View of the drill pad



View of the mud pit excavation



View of the bore hole marker