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Mr. Rob Zuber Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) Room 215 1001 E. 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Denver, CO 80216

RE: Permit No. M2009-018, Heintzelman Project P116 - Request for Technical Revision

Dear Rob,

In response to your Adequacy Review, dated May 17, 2023, for a reduction of acreage within Tract C of the Heintzelman Project P116, please accept this request for a Technical Revision. The permittee is Varra Companies, Inc. The property is located north of Zinnia Avenue (CR 26) and east of Holiday Street (CR 17), within the Varra - Heintzelman Pit Subdivision, which was approved by the Town of Firestone on November 30, 2011.

The purpose of the Technical Revision, which coincides with the recent *Request for Partial Release* of *Permit Area*, is to modify the permit text and the mining/reclamation plan maps to reflect the grading activity that has occurred along the north and east side of the existing residential lot and to designate a post-mining land use of residential for this area. Originally, a 3.41 +/-acre residential area surrounding the existing residence and outbuildings was identified and not included within the permit boundary. However, when the property was platted in 2011, as Lot 1 of the Varra-Heintzelman Pit Subdivision, the lot included the residence, outbuildings and perimeter yard that totaled 3.23 +/- acres but did not follow precisely the shape of the permit boundary. The Partial Release modification will increase the size of the residential lot to 5.18 ac. and adjust the shape to a square. Please see attached map titled Attachment D, DRMS Varra-Heintzelman Pit Subdivision, Amendment No. 1-DRMS Permit Release Diagram.

On the original C-2 Extraction Map Exhibit and in the text of Exhibit E-Mining Plan, the area surrounding the residential area was designated as a placeholder for a potential plant and stockpile area, as well as for processing and support facilities. However, ultimately a plant was never built and the area was used primarily for borrow and stockpiles.

Further, on the original Exhibit F-Reclamation Map and in the text of Exhibit E-Reclamation Plan, Tract C, which includes the areas north and east of the residential area, was planned to be reclaimed as a reservoir. However, the proposed reclamation of Tract C has changed. It will be graded, revegetated, and landscaped. The property within the 5-acre residential parcel will be graded and the homeowners will be responsible for landscaping within their lot.

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This request will not affect the Surety (Bond) Reduction. The application for a Technical Revision is being submitted through the DRMS E-permit process. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Attachments