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

RE: Permit No. M-1984-036, Varra Resources Project 110– Request for Technical Revision (Formerly Dakolios Pit No. 1)

Dear Rob,

In response to the comments stated in the Minerals Program Inspection Report, dated July 27, 2023, Varra Companies, Inc. is submitting a Technical Revision to address the items that were identified in the Report, specifically the following, "*The operator needs to clarify the current boundary area with a Technical Revision to update applicable maps. These maps need to show the remaining 36.37 acres, which is the official permit area at this time.*"

As we discussed previously, there is a discrepancy in the DRMS records regarding the overall acreage of the mining boundary. The original total mining boundary acreage was 102.56 acres, not 120 acres. This is consistent with the Weld County Assessor's records. In 2018, when 83.63 acres were released by the DRMS, Peter Hays referenced a remaining acreage of 36.37 acres, which increased the original acreage to 120 acres. This was incorrect; the remaining acres within the current mining boundary are 18.93 acres, which is consistent with the original boundary. Please see the attached documents: Narrative; updated 2024 Map; Weld County Assessor's records; and several maps from previous Annual Reports, including the 2018 Annual Report, which confirm the total mining boundary as 102.56± acres.

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,

Vecchi & Associates, LLC

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Attachments: Narrative Revised Map: Exhibit F Reclamation Map Weld county Assessor's Records Maps from previous Annual Reports