June 11, 2024

Colorado Division of Reclamation and Mining Safety Mr. Patrick Lennberg 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

RE: Adequacy Review No. 2 Response, Section 20 Mine (M-2022-001), TR-1

Dear Mr. Lennberg:

This letter is the response of applicant Red Tiera Equities, LLC, to the Division's June 10th, 2024 letter concerning the second adequacy review of TR-1 at the Section 20 Gravel Mine (M-2022-001).

Responses to the Division's comments are in **BOLD** below.

 The Division acknowledges the withdrawal of the groundwater related items of the original Technical Revision. However, the permittee will need to update the groundwater monitoring plan to be consistent with current Division guidelines, through a Technical Revision, prior to submitting the results of the baseline groundwater monitoring data and prior to exposing groundwater at the site.

The permittee will update the groundwater monitoring plan through a Technical Revision prior to submitting the results of the baseline groundwater monitoring data and prior to exposing groundwater at the Site.

 Approval of TR-1 would limit the maximum disturbed acreage at any one time to 43 acres to include only the North Infiltration Pond (~17.1 acres) and the South Infiltration Pond (~25.5 acres). A Technical Revision will have to be approved prior to any additional mining related disturbances beyond the 43 acres to occur. Please confirm.

The Permittee will submit a Technical Revision prior to any additional mining related disturbances beyond the 43 acres outlined in this Technical Revision.

3. The Division accepts the reclamation cost estimate of \$50,658.00. The permittee will have to submit a separate Surety Reduction request to reduce the currently held Financial Warranty.

See attached Surety Reduction Request.

We appreciate your thorough review of this Technical Revision. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact me by email at KyleR@civilresources.com.

Sincerely, CIVIL RESOURCES, LLC

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Cc: Drew Damiano *Attachments: Surety Reduction Request*

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