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

RE: Additional Information Required, First (1st) Quarter 2024 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report; Permit No. M-1980-244

Dear Mr. Lennberg:

Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) received the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety's (DRMS), Additional Information Required First (1st) Quarter 2024 Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report; Permit No. M-1980-244. CC&V has reviewed the additional information requested in the letter dated June 6, 2024, from DRMS and has prepared the following responses for each comment. The DRMS comment (**in bold**) and CC&V's corresponding response (*in italics*) is presented below.

- 1. During review of the submittal it was determined the Operator did not provide the Division with a notification of water quality exceedance in accordance with Rule 3.1.7(9) for the sample collected from SGMW-6B on January 24, 2024 with those results reported on Feb. 15, 2024. Please provide a comment and update the narrative to account for this omission. In the future, failure to provide the required notification pursuant to Rule 3.1.7(9) will result in enforcement actions.**

Pursuant to Rule 3.1.7(9), a report is only required when there is evidence of (1) a discharge that (2) exceeds applicable groundwater standards. Because neither of these conditions occurred, no report was required for the January 24, 2024, data for SGMW-6B. First no groundwater discharges have been identified in Maize Gulch where SGMW-6B is located.



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Further, there are no groundwater standards applicable to SGMW-6. According to Rule 3.1.7(6), groundwater standards, numeric protection levels, or other conditions apply at points of compliance wells. SGMW-6 is not the point of compliance location within Maize Gulch. CC&V has and will continue to report analytical results above applicable standards at the point of compliance locations as required by Rule 3.1.7 (9).

Should the Division require further information regarding the above responses, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Adams at 719-323-0438 or Joshua.Adams@Newmont.com or me at 719-851-4048 or Katie.Blake@Newmont.com.

Sincerely,

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