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King Mine, C-1981-035, MR-53 Preliminary Adequacy Review Letter

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To: McCourt Jordan <jmccourt@gcc.com>

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Good afternoon Jordan,

Attached with this email is the Division's Preliminary Adequacy Review Letter for the King Mine's Minor Revision No. 53 application. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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November 14, 2024

Michael Dickson
GCC Energy, LLC
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RE: King Mine, Permit No. C-1981-035
Minor Revision No. 53 Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Dickson,

The Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) has received the King Mine's submittal of required items for a Minor Revision on November 5, 2024. The information provided allowed the revision to be deemed complete on November 14, 2024. The Division has completed reviewing the application submittal and has the following adequacy questions:

1. The application for MR-53 and the proposed revised page 1 of Section 2.03.8 indicates that a disturbance of 1.52 acres will occur with the proposed activities. Additional proposed revised pages in the application indicate that the 4 drill pads will be a size of 50' by 50'. For all 4 drill pads proposed, this disturbance would only account for 0.24 acres of the disturbance. Please clarify where the additional disturbance requested for approval will occur.
2. Proposed revised page 11 of section 2.04.6 indicates the 4 drill holes will be completed to a depth of approximately 320 feet. The information provided does not include the diameter of the drill holes. Please revise page 11 to include the diameter of the proposed drill holes. This information will assist the Division with completing a reclamation cost estimate for MR-53.
3. The proposed revised page 11 of Section 2.04.6 indicates that a small cuttings pit will be created on the drill pads. The dimensions of the pit are 10' by 6'. Please revise page 11 to include the depth of the cuttings pit. Please also revise Appendix 4(4) to include this information. This information will assist the Division with completing a reclamation cost estimate for MR-53.
4. Proposed revised page 12 of Section 2.04.6 tells the reader that access through Ute Mountain Ute Tribe roads and C & C Livestock Corporation roads is granted to GCC in a crossing permit. Please provide in the text on the proposed revised page 12, a reference



that points the reader to the appendix where the crossing agreement is located within the C-035 permit.

5. Please update and provide the Division with a revised page 11 of Section 2.04.6 which clarifies the current access agreement with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is renewed on an annual basis and that the agreement for 2025 is currently in the process of being approved by the tribal council. The 2025 access agreement will be submitted to the Division through a future minor revision and approved before the activities under MR-53 will be conducted.

6. Proposed revised page 12 of Section 2.04.6 does not include a statement or reference that directs the reader to a surface use agreement that GCC has obtained approval for disturbances related to drilling activities on lands owned by C & C Livestock Corporation. Please provide a revised page 12 with information containing the approval of drilling related disturbances on C & C Livestock Corporation lands. The document for the agreement with the landowner should be included in the permit as an appendix or exhibit. Please ensure the Table of Contents is also updated to reflect the addition of a new appendix or exhibit to the permit.

This concludes the Division's preliminary adequacy review for the King Mine's Minor Revision No. 53 application. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clayton Wein". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist
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cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist