

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Circle Dot Quarry		M-2007-067	Gravel	Garfield
INSPECTION TYPE:		WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Surety-Related Inspection			November 20, 2024	11:30
OPERATOR:		OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERAT	ΓΙΟN:
Caerus Piceance LLC		Ed Seymour	110c - Construction	Limited Impact
REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b>	
Surety Related		Complete Bond	\$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGE	NCY:
NA		None	None	
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPE	CTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DAT	E:
Todd Jesse			December 17, 2024	
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#### **GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS**

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

(AR) RECORDS <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY N	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING N	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES $\underline{N}$	(TS) TOPSOIL $\underline{Y}$
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE $\underline{N}$	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN N	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP N
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS N	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>	

 $Y = Inspected \ / \ N = Not \ inspected \ / \ NA = Not \ applicable \ to \ this \ operation \ / \ PB = Problem \ cited \ / \ PV = Possible \ violation \ cited$ 

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection report was conducted as part of the succession of operator process established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety's Active Mines Program to verify conditions in order to calculate an updated financial warranty. The Circle Dot Quarry is a 110c Operation operated by Caerus Piceance LLC and QB Energy Operating LLC is the Prospective Successor. The site is located 10 miles north of Parachute, CO at an elevation of approximately 8220 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate from the Gardner Gulch Extension Road. Ed Seymour of Caerus Piceance was present during the inspection. The sky was mostly clear with temperatures in the 30s. The ground was partially snow covered from recent storms.

#### Financial Warranty:

The last bond calculation was done in 2017. In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, DRMS has updated the Reclamation Cost Estimate. The updated estimate is attached to this inspection report. Calculations estimate the cost of reclamation to be \$42,602. This is an increase of \$12,626 over the current surety held by the Division. A Notice of Surety Increase will be sent under a separate cover once the operator has had the opportunity to review the estimate and dispute any calculations. The Succussion of Operator will not be issued until the new financial warranty is received by the Division.

#### Fish and Wildlife:

Coyote tracks were observed in the snow near a stockpile of oversized material.

#### **Hydrologic Balance:**

There is no groundwater exposed within the permit boundary. Minor amounts of meteoric water in the form of snow was observed within the disturbed area. Stormwater is contained within the disturbance area by berms. Ditches are free of obstruction and able to convey water. No erosional features were noted during the inspection.

Hydrocarbons were not stored on site. No spills were noted during the inspection.

#### Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

Mining is being conducted in accordance with the approved mining plan. At the time of the inspection the operator had disturbed approximately 6 acres of the approved 9.11 acres. Mining is occurring along the top of the ridge on the north half of the permit. The operator is stripping overburden and topsoil as they mine and storing them for use in reclamation. Product stockpiles are located within the permit boundary.

#### Roads:

The main haul ways and roads to access the site are well maintained and with no ruts or washer boarding. No erosion or slumping was observed on the roads during the inspection. Roadside ditches are free of obstruction and able to convey stormwater.

#### Signs and Markers:

The mine identification sign and the affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The sign is posted on the gate at the entrance to the site. The permit boundary is marked with fence lines as well as earthen berms that are easily identifiable.

#### Topsoil:

Topsoil is being stockpiled in multiple locations along the perimeter of the pit. The topsoil stockpiles are

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protected by vegetation. No signs of erosion or slumping were observed on the topsoil piles. There appears to be sufficient topsoil to complete reclamation.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (720) 688-0626 or by email at todd.jesse@state.co.us.

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1- View to the northwest of sign at entrance and fence line that marks permit boundary. Roadside ditch is free of obstructions.



Photo 2 – View to the northwest of mining area. Berm in background marks the permit boundary.



Photo 3-View to the north of northern boundary and topsoil .pile



Photo 4 – View to the east of product stockpiles.

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# **Inspection Contact Address**

Ed Seymour Caerus Piceance LLC 143 Diamond Ave Parachute, CO 81635

#### **COST SUMMARY WORK**

Circle D	ot Quarry	Permit Actio	on: SO-2		Permit/Job	b#: <u>M2007067</u>
)JECT	IDENTIFICAT	<u>ION</u>				
Task #:	000	State: Colorad	lo	A	Abbreviation:	None
Date:	12/16/2024	County: Garfield	d		Filename:	M067-000
User:	TJ1	=				

Task	Description	Form Used	Fleet Size	Task Hours	Cost
001	Rip and contour 6.5 ac	RIPPER	1	9.65	\$4,679
002	Distribute 6" of topsoil over 6.5 ac	DOZER	1	7.31	\$3,334
003	Reveg 6.5 acres	REVEGE	] 1	16.00	\$19,313
004	Initial Mobilization to and from site	MOBILIZE	] 1	7.33	\$4,976
005	Secondary Mobilization to and from site	MOBILIZE	1	7.33	\$2,286
		SUBTO	TALS:	47.62	\$34,588

## **INDIRECT COSTS**

#### **OVERHEAD AND PROFIT:**

Liability insurance: 2.02 Total = \$699 Performance bond: 1.05 Total = \$363 Job superintendent: 0.00 Total = \$0 10.00 Total = \$3,459 Profit:

TOTAL O & P = \$4,521

CONTRACT AMOUNT (direct + O & P) = \$39,109

## LEGAL - ENGINEERING - PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

Financial warranty processing (legal/related costs): \$500 Total = \$500

Engineering work and/or contract/bid preparation: 0.00 Total = \$0

Reclamation management and/or administration: 5.00 \$1,955

CONTINGENCY: 3.00 Total = \$1,038

TOTAL INDIRECT COST = \$8,014

TOTAL BOND AMOUNT (direct + indirect) = \$42,602

# **BULLDOZER RIPPING WORK**

	Task description:	Rip	and contour 6.5 ac					
Site	: Circle Dot Qu	arry	Permit Action:	SO-2	P	ermit/Job#	: <u>M20070</u>	067
	PROJECT ID	ENTIFICAT	<u>ION</u>					
	Task #: 00	1	State: Colorado		Abh	reviation:	None	
		/16/2024	County: Garfield			Filename:	M067-00	)1
	User: TJ							
	Agency	or organization	n name: DRMS					
	HOURLY EQ	UIPMENT C	<u>OST</u>					
	Basic	Machine: Ca	t D9T - 9SU		Horsepower:		405	
	Ripper Att	achment: 3-5	Shank Ripper	<del></del>	Shift Basis:		per day	
				<u> </u>	Data Source:	(	CRG)	
	Cost Breakdown	:						
		_			Utilization %			
		Ownership C		\$253.16	NA	_		
		Operating C		\$164.35	100	_		
		er Ownership C		\$18.79	NA	_		
	Ripj	per Operating C		\$9.48	100	=		
		Operator C		\$38.59	NA	_		
		Total Unit C	cost/Hour:	\$484.37				
		Total Fleet C	ost/Hour: <b>\$484</b>	.37				
	MATERIAL (	<u>)UANTITIES</u>	<u>S</u> ele	cted estimating	g method: Are	a		
	Alternate Method	<u>ls:</u>						
Seismic:	NA		Bank Volume:	NA	BCY		NA	
Area:	6.50	acres	Rip Depth (ft):	1.00	Volume:	10,487		BCY or CC
		Source of esti	mated quantity: Approx	. site disturbar	nce			
	HOURLY PRO	ODUCTION						
		<u>obeciion</u>						
	Seismic:		Seismic Velocity:	NA	feet/sec	ond		
			Seisific velocity.	INA		Jona		
	Area:							
			ge Ripping Depth:	2.63	feet/pas			
			ge Ripping Width:	7.67	feet/pas			
		_	e Ripping Length:	150.00	feet/pas			
			rage Dozer Speed:e Maneuver Time:	88.00 0.25	feet/mi			
			ction per unit area:	0.23	minute acres/h	-		
	Job Condition Co			0.011	dcres/ii	oui		
				0.011	A //			
	Un	adjusted Hourly	y Unit Production:	0.811	Acres/l	ır		
			Site Altitude:	8,200	feet	<b>TD</b> \		
			Altitude Adj:	1.00	(CAT I			
			Job Efficiency:	0.83	(1 shift			
			Net Correction:	0.83	multipl	ier		
			Hourly Unit Production: Hourly Fleet Production:	0.67 <b>0.67</b>	Acres/hr Acres/hr			
	IOR TIME AN		Trout Front Front Colonia		7 10100/111			
	JOB TIME AN	1 COST	Contract)	m i. i		0.66	**	
	Fleet size:	1	_ Grader(s)	Total job tin	ne:	9.66	Но	urs
	Unit cost:	\$719.772	Per acre	Total job co	ost:	64,679		

# **BULLDOZER WORK**

Task description:	Distribute 6" of	topsoil over	6.5 ac		
Circle Dot Quarry	Per	rmit Action:	SO-2	Permit/Job#:	M2007067
PROJECT IDENT	IFICATION				
Task #: 002	State:	Colorado		Abbreviation:	None
Date: 12/16/20		Garfield		Filename:	M067-002
User: TJ1		-			
Agency or or	ganization name: _D	RMS			
HOURLY EQUIPN	MENT COST				
	Cat D9T - 9SU				
	405				
-	Semi-Universal NA				
	l per day				
	(CRG)		<del></del>		
Cost Breakdown:			TT-11 - 1 - 0/		
Ownership Cost/Hou	r·	\$253.16	<u>Utilization %</u> NA		
Operating Cost/Hou		\$164.35	100		
Ripper own. Cost/Hou		\$0.00	NA		
Ripper op. Cost/Hou		\$0.00	0	<del></del>	
Operator Cost/Hou	r:	\$38.59	NA		
Swell factor: 1.	,243 ,000				
Loose volume: 5.	,243 LCY				
Source of estimated vo Source of estimated sv					
HOURLY PRODU	<u>CTION</u>				
Average push distance Unadjusted hourly pro		//hr			
Materials consistency	description: Partly	consolidated	stockpile 1.1		
Average push gradient Average site altitude:	: 0 % 8,200 feet				
Material weight:	1,600 lbs/LCY			_	
Weight description:	Top Soil				
Job Condition Correct Operat		0.750	Source (AVG.)		
Material cons		.100	(CAT HB)		
Dozing	method: 1	.000	(GEN.)		
		.000	(AVG.)	<del></del>	

Job efficiency:	0.830	(1 SHIFT/DAY)
Spoil pile:	0.800	(FND-RF)
Push gradient:	1.000	(CAT HB)
Altitude:	1.000	(CAT HB)
Material Weight:	1.438	(CAT HB)
Blade type:	1.000	(PAT)

Net correction: 0.7877

Adjusted unit production: 717.20 LCY/hr
Adjusted fleet production: 717.2 LCY/hr

# **JOB TIME AND COST**

Fleet size: 1 Dozer(s)
Unit cost: \$0.636/LCY

Total job time: 7.31 Hours
Total job cost: \$3,334

## **REVEGETATION WORK**

Γ	Task description:	Reveg 6.5 acres			
Site:	Circle Dot Quarry	Permit Action:	SO-2	Permit/Job#:	M2007067

## **PROJECT IDENTIFICATION**

Task #:003State:ColoradoAbbreviation:NoneDate:12/16/2024County:GarfieldFilename:M067-003

User: TJ1

Agency or organization name: <u>DRMS</u>

## **FERTILIZING**

#### Materials

Description	Units / Acre	Unit	Cost / Unit	Cost /Acre
8-24-24, 10-15-15, 10-20-20	200.00	pound	\$0.62	\$124.28
			Total Fertilizer Materials	
			Cost/Acre	\$124.28

Application

Description		Cost /Acre
Tractor towed spreader (MEANS 32 01 90.13 0120)		\$43.12
	<b>Total Fertilizer Application Cost/Acre</b>	\$43.12

## **TILLING**

Description	Cost /Acre
Disc harrowing, 6" deep (MEANS 32 91 13.23 6100)	\$117.61
Total Tilling Cost/Acre	\$117.61

## **SEEDING**

Seed Mix	Rate – PLS LBS / Acre	Seeds per SQ. FT	Cost /Acre
Orchardgrass - Paiute	2.53	31.36	\$11.60
Mountain Brome - Bromar	2.60	4.18	\$15.65
Crested Wheatgrass - Hy-Crest	1.09	5.00	\$5.50
Russian Wildrye - Bozoisky	2.57	10.32	\$28.46
Intermediate Wheatgrass - Oahe	2.47	5.27	\$11.48
Pubescent Wheatgrass - Luna	1.07	2.21	\$5.35
Regreen Hybrid	2.21	0.56	\$12.08
Totals Seed Mix	14.54	58.91	\$90.13

## Application

Description		Cost /Acre
Drill seeding (MEANS 32 92 19.13 0020)		\$485.00
	<b>Total Seed Application Cost/Acre</b>	\$485.00

#### **MULCHING and MISCELLANEOUS**

## Materials

	Units /			
Description	Acre	Unit	Cost / Unit	Cost /Acre
Herbicide - Curtail @ 4.0 pt/ac	1.00	ACRE	\$36.14	\$36.14
Straw, delivered {MEANS 31 25 14.16 1200}	2.00	TON	\$492.78	\$985.56
Total Mulch Materials Cost/Acre				\$1,021.70

**Application** 

Description		Cost /Acre
Power mulcher (MEANS 32 91 13.16 0350)		\$157.25
Weed spray, truck, non-aquatic area, nox. [DMG]		\$83.26
	<b>Total Mulch Application Cost/Acre</b>	\$240.51

## **NURSERY STOCK PLANTING**

Common Name	No / Acre	Type and Size	Planting Cost	Fertilizer Pellet Cost	Cost /Acre
					\$
	\$0.00				

## **JOB TIME AND COST**

 No. of Acres:
 6.5
 Cost /Acre:
 \$2,122.35

 Estimated Failure Rate:
 40%
 Cost /Acre\*:
 \$2,122.35

\*Selected Replanting Work Items: FERTILIZING,TILLING,SEEDING,MU

LCHING

Initial Job Cost: \$13,795.28

Reseeding Job Cost: \$5,518.11

Total Job Cost: \$19,313

16.00

# EQUIPMENT MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION

Task description: In	tial Mobilization	to and from site		
e: Circle Dot Quarry	Permit	Action: SO-2	Permit/Jol	b#: <u>M2007067</u>
PROJECT IDENTIFICAT	<u>ION</u>			
Task #: 004	State: C	olorado	Abbreviation:	None
Date: 12/16/2024 User: TJ1	County: G	arfield	Filename:	M067-004
Agency or organization  EQUIPMENT TRANSPOR		S		
EQUITMENT TRANSFOR	TRIG COST			1 per day CRG Data
Truck Tractor Des	cription: GENE		AY TRUCK TRACTOR, 6X4, 2400 HP (2ND HALF, 2006)	
Truck Trailer Des	cription: C	GENERIC FOLDIN	IG GOOSENECK, DROP DEC AILER (25T, 50T, AND 100T)	•
Cost Breakdown:				
Available Rig Capacities	0-25 Tons	26-50 Tons	51+ Tons	
Ownership Cost/Hour:	\$10.44	\$22.18	\$23.94	
Operating Cost/Hour:	\$26.48	\$54.55	\$55.65	
Operator Cost/Hour:	\$22.52	\$22.52	\$22.52	

#### **NON ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Total Unit Cost/Hour:

Helper Cost/Hour:

\$0.00

\$59.44

Machine	Weight/	Owner ship	Haul Rig	Fleet	Haul Trip	Return Trip	DOT Permit
Description	Unit	Cost/hr/ unit	Cost/hr/uni	Size	Cost/hr/	Cost/hr/ fleet	Cost/ fleet
	(TONS)		t		fleet		
Cat D9T - 9SU	66.13	\$271.95	\$125.64	1	\$397.59	\$125.64	\$250.00
Drill/Broadcast	25.00	\$41.02	\$59.44	1	\$100.46	\$59.44	\$250.00
Seeder with							
Tractor							
Power Mulcher	6.00	\$27.21	\$59.44	1	\$86.65	\$59.44	\$250.00
(Bowie LD-90)							

\$23.53

\$122.78

\$23.53

\$125.64

Subtotals: \$584.70 \$244.52 \$750.00

## **ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Machine Description	Total Cost/hr/ unit	Fleet Size	Haul Trip Cost/hr/ fleet	Return Trip Cost/hr/ fleet
Light Duty Pickup, 4x4, 3/4 T.	\$35.84	1	\$35.84	\$35.84

Cubtatalar	\$35.84	\$25.94
Subtotals:	3.35.84	\$35.84

## **EQUIPMENT HAUL DISTANCE and Time**

Nearest Major City or Town within project area region:

Total one-way travel distance:

Average Travel Speed:

PARACHUTE, CO
miles
piles
piles

Total Non-Roadable Mob/Demob Cost \*
 '\* two round trips with haul rig:
 Total Roadable Mob/Demob Cost \*\*
 \*\* one round trip, no haul rig:

\$4,880.65

\$95.57

#### **Transportation Cycle Time:**

	Non-	
	Roadable	Roadable
	Equipment	Equipment
Haul Time (Hours):	1.33	1.33
Return Time (Hours):	1.33	1.33
Loading Time (Hours):	0.50	NA
Unloading Time (Hours):	0.50	NA
Subtotals:	3.67	2.67

#### **JOB TIME AND COST**

Total job cost: 7.33 Hours

Total job cost: \$4,976

# EQUIPMENT MOBILIZATION/DEMOBILIZATION

Task description:	Task description: Secondary Mobilization to and from site					
ite: Circle Dot Quarry	e: Circle Dot Quarry Permit Action: SO-2 Permit/Job#: M2007067					
PROJECT IDENTIFICA	<u>ATION</u>					
Task #: 005 Date: 12/16/2024 User: TJ1		Colorado Garfield	Al		None M067-005	
Agency or organiza	tion name: DRM	1S				
EQUIPMENT TRANSPO	ORT RIG COST					
			Shif Cost Data S		er day G Data	
Truck Tractor D	escription: GEN	VERIC ON-HIGHV	VAY TRUCK TRAC 400 HP (2ND HA		ESEL POWERED,	
Truck Trailer D	escription:		NG GOOSENECK, RAILER (25T, 50T,		EQUIPMENT	
Cost Breakdown:						
Available Rig Capacities	0-25 Tons	26-50 Tons	51+ Tons	_		
Ownership Cost/Hou	r: \$10.44	\$22.18	\$23.94	_		
Operating Cost/Hou		\$54.55	\$55.65	_		
Operator Cost/Hou	r: \$22.52	\$22.52	\$22.52	_		
Helper Cost/Hour	r: \$0.00	\$23.53	\$23.53			

#### **NON ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Total Unit Cost/Hour:

\$59.44

Machine	Weight/	Owner ship	Haul Rig	Fleet	Haul Trip	Return Trip	DOT Permit
Description	Unit	Cost/hr/ unit	Cost/hr/uni	Size	Cost/hr/	Cost/hr/ fleet	Cost/ fleet
	(TONS)		t		fleet		
Drill/Broadcast	25.00	\$41.02	\$59.44	1	\$100.46	\$59.44	\$250.00
Seeder with							
Tractor							
Power Mulcher	6.00	\$27.21	\$59.44	1	\$86.65	\$59.44	\$250.00
(Bowie LD-90)							

\$122.78

\$125.64

\$187.11 \$118.88 \$500.00 Subtotals:

## **ROADABLE EQUIPMENT:**

Machine Description	Total Cost/hr/ unit	Fleet Size	Haul Trip Cost/hr/ fleet	Return Trip Cost/hr/ fleet
Light Duty Pickup, 4x4, 3/4 T.	\$35.84	1	\$35.84	\$35.84

Subtotals: \$35.84 \$35.84

## **EQUIPMENT HAUL DISTANCE and Time**

Nearest Major City or Town within project area region:

Total one-way travel distance:

Average Travel Speed:

PARACHUTE, CO
miles
15.00
mph

#### **Transportation Cycle Time:**

	Non-	
	Roadable	Roadable
	Equipment	Equipment
Haul Time (Hours):	1.33	1.33
Return Time (Hours):	1.33	1.33
Loading Time (Hours):	0.50	NA
Unloading Time (Hours):	0.50	NA
Subtotals:	3.67	2.67

## **JOB TIME AND COST**

Total job time:	7.33	Hours
Total job cost:	\$2.286	