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**FW: Smuggler Gold Mine/Gilpin County**

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Leigh – As discussed a few minutes ago by phone, the previously identified date for increasing the surety bond for the Smuggler Gold Mine in Gilpin County is approaching. I have been in touch with Shannon Murphy who continues to have some hard luck in having to address and manage his own health-related issues. In addition, he has been involved and consumed recently in assisting his wife with her difficult shoulder replacement surgery that just took place. More fundamentally, the elder gentleman that had committed to provide significant funding in assisting to take the mine project forward has backed out due to his own health issues. As a result, it is requested that a ninety-day extension be granted to enable Mr. Murphy to pursue funding interest that has been expressed by two other individuals who seem serious about moving the mine project forward.

Please advise if the requested extension might be granted to ensure the requisite time to accomplish an enforceable transaction and arrange for the placement of the increased surety bond. Thank you for your further consideration and effort regarding this matter. It is appreciated. We look forward to your response.  
John Fognani

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