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April 30, 2025

Via Email

Ms. Nikie Gagnon
Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety
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Re: Follow-up Notice for Mill TDL Tailings Leak, Permit No. M-1977-342

Dear Ms. Gagnon:

Henderson Mill is providing this written follow-up notice to a voicemail notification made to you on Monday, April 28, 2025, pursuant to Rule 8.1 and 8.2 of the DRMS Rules and Regulations. This notice is regarding a tailings leak from the Mill Tailings Delivery Line (TDL). The TDL is part of the Tailings Delivery System EPF and conveys tailings to the Henderson Mill tailing storage facility (TSF).

On April 28, 2025, during a routine inspection, a leak in the HDPE section of the TDL was discovered. Approximately 200 gallons of tailings leaked out of the TDL and onto the TSF access road between the No. 1 Cutout and the 3-Dam crest, which is located below County Road 3. The tailings that leaked from the TDL was fully contained on the TDL access road, which is located within the TSF catchment area.

The following paragraphs correspond to the elements of the follow-up written notice set forth in Rule 8.2.3, paragraphs (a) through (e), of the DRMS Rules and Regulations:

- (a) After discovering the issue at 3:10 PM, Henderson employees immediately switched all tailings flow to the No. 1 Cutout, thereby isolating the TDL above the leak by 3:30 PM. Spilled material will be cleaned up from the roadside and placed into the impoundment as practicable.
- (b) The tailings released onto the access road to the TSF did not adversely impact human health, property, or the environment. This is based on the known chemistry of the tailings and the location of the events. The tailings from the pipeline leak flowed from the location of the leak, down the TSF access road towards the crest of 3-Dam.
- (c) The contact person for this event is:

Ron Hickman
19302 County Road 3
Parshall, CO 80468
Phone: 720-942-3438

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- (d) No monitoring or analyses were performed for this situation since the tailings from the TDL were not released off-site and did not impact any natural surface water body and has no potential to impact groundwater.
- (e) After diverting tailings flow to the No. 1 Cutout, an inspection of the TDL revealed a small hole near a fused joint in the HDPE portion of the TDL. A metal band repair band was installed near the flanged joint and was successful in preventing further releases after tailings were returned to the pipeline. TDL repairs are scheduled in this area over the summer and the band will remain in place until then.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 720-942-3438 or Miguel Hamarat at 720-942-3255.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Hickman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ron Hickman
Chief Environmental Engineer
Climax Molybdenum Company
Henderson Operations

CC:
M. Hamarat, Climax