

June 18, 2025

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RE: JD-7 Pit Drilling, NOI # P-2025-009 , NOI Application Adequacy Review

Mr. Peterson:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) is in the process of reviewing the above referenced application in order to ensure that it adequately satisfies the requirements of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (Act) and the associated Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (Rules). During review of the material submitted, the Division determined that the following issue(s) of concern shall be adequately addressed before the application can be considered for approval.

1. Please provide a financial warranty to the Division in the amount of \$100,000.

Rule 4.2.1 (6) states that “(w)hen mining on federal land and the federal land management agency requires that a Financial Warranty be posted with their agency, the amount of Financial Warranty posted with the state shall be the difference between the amount required to be posted by the federal land management agency, and the amount required by the Mined Land Reclamation Board. In no event shall the amount of Financial Warranty posted with the state be less than one hundred dollars (\$100).”

2. Please provide documentation to the Division that Highbury has posted a financial warranty in an amount of no less than \$100,000 with the DOE for this NOI.

Pursuant to an MOU between the Division and DOE, it is recognized that DOE is the lead bonding authority for this NOI. However, the Division retains the authority to require an additional financial warranty if it determines the financial warranty amount held by DOE is insufficient. The Division has determined that the amount of financial warranty necessary for this NOI is \$100,000. The Division’s Reclamation Cost Estimate is enclosed.

Please submit your response(s) to the above listed issue(s) by Monday, August 18, 2025.

The Division will continue to review your application and will contact you if additional information is needed.



If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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