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DRMS File No. P-2025-007- NOI Preliminary Adequacy Review

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Good afternoon,

Attached to this email is the Division's Preliminary Adequacy Review Letter for the NOI application, file no. P-2025-007.

A hard copy will be supplied as well. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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June 20, 2025

Morgan Poliquin
Almadex America Inc.
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RE: DRMS File No. P-2025-007
Notice of Intent to Conduct Mineral Prospecting
Preliminary Adequacy Review

Dear Morgan Poliquin,

On May 22nd, 2025, the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (“DRMS” or “Division”) received a Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations for Hard Rock/Metal Mines (“NOI”) form. Our initial review of the NOI indicates that, as of May 30, 2025, you have satisfied the minimum requirements of the Act and the Rules to begin the review process. The Division has begun the technical review process. The following adequacy items in the NOI application need to be addressed before the application can be approved.

General Information:

1. As previously discussed via email conversations between DRMS, Almadex America Inc., and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DRMS recommends the applicant revise the NOI application to include only boreholes located outside the San Luis Hill Area of Environmental Concern (ACEC). This can be completed by submitting a Modification of the application pursuant to Rule 5.1.2(j).

Project Description:

2. Item 6(F)- Please clarify where diesel fuel containers will be stored and containment measures in the event of a spill.

IV. Operation and Reclamation Measures:

3. In Item 3, the Applicant states that topsoil will be stockpiled into a drill pad perimeter berm and redistributed during reclamation. If topsoil stockpiles are left in place for greater than 180 days, please commit to planting with appropriate annual and/or perennial plant species to provide stabilization of the stockpile in accordance with Rule 3.1.9(3). Please provide a seed mixture to be used for this purpose or clarify if the provided seed mix in Item #7 will be used.



4. For the construction of sumps, please clarify if topsoil will be segregated from underlying overburden and stockpiled separately.
5. Item #6 states that for drill trails where native vegetation is trampled, the tracks will be raked and seeded during reclamation. Please clarify if these disturbance areas are considered within the 1.03 acres given, as well as the anticipated acreage for these temporary access roads.

Financial Warranty:

6. Please note the DRMS will develop a reclamation cost estimate and will be provided at a later date after clarification regarding Item #1. DRMS is seeking concurrence with the Bureau of Land Management on the proposed financial warranty amount.

Pursuant to Rule 5.1.3(c) of the Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rules and Regulations, all adequacy items must be addressed within 60 days of this letter (**August 19, 2025**). If this date arrives and the adequacy concerns have not been addressed and/or the additional financial warranty has not been submitted and accepted by the Division, the NOI will be denied. This letter shall not be construed to mean that there are no other adequacy deficiencies in the application package. Please note that prospecting operations may not begin until authorized by the Division and until the Plan of Operations has been approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

If you have any questions, please contact me at chris.girardi@state.co.us or at (720) 793-3041.

Sincerely,



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