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Hukill Gulch Mill Notice of TC2 filing and Hearing

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Mon, Aug 18, 2025 at 2:46 PM

To: Mason Drake <mason.drake@venturegoldusa.com>, PATRICK MAHER <mptmaher@msn.com>

Hello.

Please see the attached Notice of Filing for Temporary Cessation (TC-2) for the Hukill Gulch Mill, Permit No. M-2009-076. The Board hearing for this matter will be held on September 17-18, 2025. I recommend that you attend the hearing in case the Board has any questions.

I will let you know if we receive any objections. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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Nikie Gagnon
Environmental Protection Specialist



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August 18, 2025

Patrick Maher
Venture Resources, Inc.
25044 County Road 25
LaJunta, CO 81050

RE: Hukill Gulch Millsite, Permit No. M-2009-076, Notice of Temporary Cessation TC-2nd Period, Notice of Completeness

Dear Mr. Maher:

On November 18, 2024 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received your notice to revise the permit status on the above listed site to Temporary Cessation for a second five-year period effective November 1, 2024. Prior to setting a hearing before the Board, the Operator must show the site is in compliance with the performance standards of Rule 3.1 and the approved mine plan. The Division conducted an inspection on October 18, 2024 and identified six compliance topics that needed to be addressed. Over the next few months, the permittee submitted evidence of abatement and compliance with the inspection issues. The Division conducted a second inspection of the site on July 18, 2025 and confirmed the millsite is now in compliance with the permit requirements. Therefore, the Notice of Temporary Cessation is considered complete and filed.

The period of temporary cessation is retroactive and will commence at the end of the first five-year period which ended on November 1, 2024, and will last up to five years from that date. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-development state.

Any person directly and adversely affected or aggrieved, as defined by Rules 1.1(50) and 1.13.7(3)(d), may file a written objection with the Division regarding this Notice of Temporary Cessation on or before Friday, September 12, 2025. The Notice of Temporary Cessation will be placed on the agenda for consideration by the Board at the September 17 and 18, 2025 Board meeting. If the Division receives a timely objection to the Notice of Temporary Cessation, the Board will hear the objection as a contested matter. The hearing will be held at 1313 Sherman



Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado 80203, beginning at 9:00am on September 17, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered. During that meeting, the Board will consider whether to accept the Notice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 720-527-1640 or by email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Nikie Gagnon

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