



**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

August 19, 2025

Stephen Cohen  
Aura Grit, LLC.  
6571 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Suite 2  
Casper, WY 82609

**Re: Aura Grit No. 1-4, File No. P-2025-014, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations, Notice of Deficiency- Request for Performance Warranty**

Dear Mr. Cohen:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has completed the review of the above listed Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting (NOI) Application which included Concurrence Correspondence from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Division Staff conducted a Reclamation Cost Estimate based on the details of your application. Staff calculations determined that the total cost to achieve reclamation of the project to be at or below the minimum required amount as prescribed in Rule 5.3.3(1). However, in the application and supplemental materials no Performance Warranty was included. Please execute and submit the Performance Warranty (Enclosed) Once the Performance Warranty is received and accepted by the Division your Notice can be accepted.

Please note, the Decision Date for your application is Monday August 25, 2025. To allow sufficient time for the submittal and acceptance of the Performance Warranty, please submit a Decision Date Extension Request to the Division. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-919-2997 or by email at [lucas.west@state.co.us](mailto:lucas.west@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

**Lucas J. West**  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Cc: Travis Marshall, Senior Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Stephen Cohen, Aura Grit LLC.



Bridget Wade, BLM

Encl. Performance Warranty (Blank)



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1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

### PERFORMANCE WARRANTY

Permittee/Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Operation known as: \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Number: \_\_\_\_\_

***This form is approved by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (“Board”) pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-117 of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act and C.R.S. 34-32.5-117 of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials.***

All parties are on Notice from this Document that:

The above listed Operator provides this warranty to the Board in conjunction with a reclamation Permit to conduct the above described mining operation on certain lands in Colorado. The “Affected Lands” are described in the above listed reclamation Permit, and include any Permit Amendment(s) approved by the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (“Division”).

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act, C.R.S. 34-32-101 *et seq.* (“Hard Rock Act”), and the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 *et seq.* (“Construction Materials Act”), both require a permit issued by the Board to include a written promise by the Operator to comply with all requirements of the Hard Rock and Construction Materials Acts (referred to herein together as “Acts”).

Through the terms and conditions of this performance warranty and Permit, the Operator agrees to be bound by all requirements of the Acts and all Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Board for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations (2 C.C.R. 407-1) and all Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials (2 C.C.R. 407-4) (referred to herein together as “Rules”).

The Operator hereby provides the Board warranties of performance pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-117(2), (3), and (4)/C.R.S. 34-32.5-117(2), (3), and (4), and promises the Board it will comply with all applicable requirements of the Acts and Rules.

The Operator hereby promises the Board it will comply with all of the terms of the reclamation Permit, including any Permit Amendment(s) approved by the Division. This performance warranty obligation of the Operator shall continue until the Operator’s liability is released by the Board.

The Operator promises to be responsible for reclamation costs up to the amount established by the Board and incorporates its financial warranty to this performance warranty. The Operator agrees to maintain a financial warranty (or warranties) in good standing for the reclamation costs for the entire life of the



Permit. The amount of the financial warranty shall be sufficient to assure the completion of reclamation of affected lands if the Division has to complete such reclamation due to forfeiture. If the Board determines the Operator is in default under this performance warranty and the Operator fails to cure such default, the Operator's financial warranty shall be subject to forfeiture pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-118/34-32.5-118.

This performance warranty by the Operator is perpetual and shall remain in full force and effect until all obligations have been met and all associated financial warranty is released by the Board. Any release of liability in a succession of Operators shall comply with C.R.S. 34-32-119/34-32.5-119.

The provisions hereof shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their successors and assigns.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Operator: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTARIZATION OF OPERATOR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Month) (Year)  
by \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Title)  
of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Operator)

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:  
State of Colorado  
Mined Land Reclamation Board  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Division Director