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## Passiflora NOI- October 2025 Inspection Report

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Good morning,

Attached to this email is a pdf of the Division's inspection report for the inspection conducted on October 2, 2025.

A hard copy will not be sent unless requested. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Girardi

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**MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**  
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Passiflora                           | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>P-2024-011                                                                         | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Unknown commodity                  | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Custer      |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Surety Release Inspection      | <b>WEATHER:</b> Clear                                                                                              | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>October 2, 2025                 | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>12:30pm |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Viscount Colorado Holdings, LTD       | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Christina Ricks                                                                 | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>MP - Mineral Prospecting |                               |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Surety Release Requested | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>Complete                                                                          | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$70,675                       |                               |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                           | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None                                                                                | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                    |                               |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Chris Girardi                     | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>October 14, 2025            |                               |

**GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS**

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

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|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>                 | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>    | (RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>        |
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>      | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>    | (EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>   |
| (PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u> | (SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u> | (TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>      |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>   | (FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>       | (RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>  |
| (SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>       | (SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>   | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>  |
| (ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>   | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>   | (ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u> |
| (AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u> | (OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</u>       |                                 |

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Passiflora Notice of Intent (NOI), project number P-2024-011 was inspected by Chris Girardi of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety ("DRMS" or "Division") on October 2, 2025. The inspection was conducted in accordance with Hard Rock Rule 4.16.1(3) in response to a surety release request submitted by the Viscount Holdings (Prospector) on September 25, 2025. Christina Ricks represented the Prospector during the inspection. The weather was clear.

The Passiflora NOI is a prospecting operation located approximately four miles north of Silver Cliff and Westcliffe, Colorado. The surrounding land use is rangeland and residential. The NOI was approved by the Division on January 21, 2025. Drilling operations commenced shortly afterward. The borehole was drilled to a depth of 3750 feet. Sump pits were excavated to assist with drilling operations. According to the Prospecting Drill Hole Permanent Abandonment Report submitted by the Prospector in accordance with Rule 5.7, the borehole was plugged via a bentonite slurry and capped using Portland neat cement on March 21, 2025. The Prospector submitted a Reclamation Report to the Division on September 25, 2025. The report stated that all reclamation requirements of the prospecting notice have been satisfied. The report indicated that the borehole had been sealed, the sump pits had been backfilled and compacted with stockpiled overburden, the site had been graded, topsoil was spread, and seeding conducted by May 15, 2025.

During the Division's inspection, it was observed that the NOI area has been graded to match the surrounding area (see Photos 1-3). The borehole has sealed, and the sump pumps backfilled (see Photo 2). According to Christina Ricks, cows have been grazing in the area and may have trampled the newly seeded area. A minor amount of grass has sprouted and is growing. However, the majority of the NOI area remains unvegetated and has not met the reclamation performance standards set by Rule 3.1.10(1).

The Prospector has requested full reclamation responsibility release and the corresponding financial warranties in accordance with Hard Rock Rule 4.16.1(1) and 4.16.1(4). Based on the lack of established vegetation, the Division denies the release request.

The Division currently holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$70,675 for this operation. The Division estimated the reclamation liability at the site and found it to be \$2,408. The Division would support a surety reduction request submitted in accordance with Rule 4.14 based on the amount described above.

This concludes the Division's inspection report; a subset of photos was taken during the time of the inspection are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at (720) 793-3041 or by email at [chris.girardi@state.co.us](mailto:chris.girardi@state.co.us).



**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: View of graded and reseeded area, facing southwest towards County



Photo 2: Graded area where the sumps and borehole were located, facing east.





Photo 3: View of the reseeded area with growing grasses, facing south.

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