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RE: Climax Mine, Permit No. M-1977-493, Technical Revision 21 – Mayflower Flood Bypass Tunnel and Mayflower TSF Reclaim Water System Modification

Dear Mr. Scott,

The Climax Molybdenum Company - Climax Mine is planning to construct a flood bypass tunnel system that will allow water from a major flood event to pass around the Mayflower Tailing Storage Facility (TSF). The Mayflower Flood Bypass Tunnel will replace the spillway component of the existing decant/flood bypass pipeline system. Climax also is planning a modification to the Mayflower TSF reclaim water system from that shown in the Climax AM-06 application. The modified Mayflower TSF reclaim system includes a new pump barge location and new reclaim pipeline that will utilize portions of Supply Canal No. 2.

Both Mayflower tunnel and Mayflower reclaim system are considered components of Climax Environmental Protection Facilities, and will be included as such in the Climax Environmental Protection Plan. This Technical Revision (TR-21) submittal is intended to provide information regarding the designs of these facilities to satisfy the requirements of Rule 7.3 and to obtain Division approval to initiate construction of the facilities, scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2012.

Two copies of the TR materials and the \$1,060.00 fee applicable to a 112d operation are attached to this letter. We appreciate your review of the TR and look forward to your approval. Please contact me at 719-486-7584 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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attachments

CLIMAX MINE RECLAMATION PERMIT NUMBER 1977-493 TECHNICAL REVISION TR-21

MAYFLOWER TUNNEL and RECLAIM WATER SYSTEM



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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Climax Mine, located on the Continental Divide 12 miles northeast of Leadville Colorado, is a molybdenum mine owned and operated by the Climax Molybdenum Company (Climax). Climax is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. (Freeport-McMoRan), a leading international mining company with headquarters in Phoenix, Arizona, the world's largest publicly traded copper company, and one of the principal North American-based mining companies, with long-lived, geographically diverse assets and significant reserves of copper, gold, and molybdenum. The Climax Mine land holdings consist of 14,300 contiguous acres of owned patented mining claims, fee-simple land, and land acquired through exchanges with the United States Forest Service (USFS). The Climax Mine property extends into Eagle, Lake, Park and Summit Counties. Climax is one of the world's largest primary producers of molybdenum.

Operations at the Climax Mine began in 1917 and the existing permit, Mining and Reclamation Permit M-1977-493 as amended, was initially approved by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) in 1977 after passage of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act (CMLRA). The existing permit remains in effect for the life of the mine as set forth in CMLRA §§34-32-103(6), 34-32-109 and 34-32-116(7)(q). The permit was amended in 1980 (AM-01), 1989 (AM-02), 1997 (AM-03), 2001 (AM-04), 2006 (AM-05), and 2011 (AM-06). In addition, twenty previous Technical Revisions (TR) to the Permit have been approved by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS).

Climax is planning to construct a flood bypass tunnel system that will allow water from a major flood event to pass around the Mayflower Pond tailings impoundment. The Mayflower Flood Bypass Tunnel (Mayflower Tunnel) will replace the spillway component of the existing decant/flood bypass pipeline system. This TR submittal is intended to provide information regarding the design of the tunnel to satisfy the requirements of Rule 7.3 and to obtain Division approval to initiate construction of the facility.

Also included in this TR is the installation of a new barge pump system (Reclaim Barge) to replace the decant component of the existing decant/flood bypass system and a planned upgrade to Supply Canal No. 2. Supply Canal No. 2, located on the hillside just south and west of the Mayflower TSF, is a makeup water system that allows fresh water to be diverted from Searle Creek into the North Portal of the Tenmile Tunnel. This system is utilized if necessary during drought conditions to provide additional makeup water to Robinson Lake, via the Tenmile Tunnel. In conjunction with the Mill water reclaim system, a pipeline will be buried within a portion of Supply Canal No. 2 to convey process water from the Mayflower Pond to the Tenmile Tunnel for delivery to Robinson Lake. In conjunction with this work, upgrades will also be made to the existing diversion structures on Searle Creek at the West Interceptor and at the head of Supply Canal No. 2.

2.0 MAYFLOWER TUNNEL

2.1 Project Description

The planned Mayflower Tunnel project will consist of a main tunnel which starts below the toe of 5 Dam, near the 5 Dam Seepwater Pump Station at elevation 10,400 feet. The tunnel will be driven through bedrock, around the west abutment of 5 Dam, a distance of approximately 7,750 feet upstream where it will daylight at an elevation of approximately 10,820 feet. Three inlet tunnels will connect to the main tunnel, each averaging approximately 500 feet in length and spaced 70 feet apart vertically to provide for 210 feet of vertical tailing rise. Each inlet tunnel includes a concrete side-hill riser that will serve to regulate the elevation of the flood discharge point as the tailings rise. Initially, during a flood event, water will be decanted from the pond surface into the lowest inlet tunnel will become the primary flood decant. This sequence will repeat until the tailing has risen 210 feet and the daylighted tunnel becomes the final flood bypass inlet. A set of preliminary drawings for the project are provided as Appendix A to this TR. A Site Plan drawing is provided as Sheet C-01 and illustrates the primary features of the tunnel project.

The existing Mayflower decant/flood bypass pipeline system consists of twin 42 inch diameter steel pipes encased in reinforced concrete and buried in the left abutment of the Mayflower TSF. The system was designed and installed in the late 1970's. As part of the Climax restart project, it is anticipated that tailing deposition on the Mayflower Tailing Storage Facility (TSF) will begin in 2014. During deposition, the current pipeline system would have marginal capacity to handle the flow of flood waters from Mayflower Pond. Presently, with no active tailing deposition on Mayflower TSF, sufficient surge capacity and hydraulic head are available to adequately pass a Probable Maximum Precipitation (PMP) event. During tailing deposition the operational water pool must be managed to provide reclaim water to the Mill and handle the seasonal influx of snowmelt water while limiting the pond outflow to the capacity of the Property Discharge Water Treatment Plan (PDWTP). With the current decant system, this would result in limited flood routing capacity and the required hydraulic head would no longer be available to drive the flood waters through the existing pipeline. Therefore, a new flood bypass system is required, to operate Mayflower Pond for tailings deposition, provide operational storage, and further protect the dam from potential failure.

The Mayflower Tunnel, as planned, will provide a safe system to pass flood waters in the event of a major PMP event. The tunnel system avoids placing pipelines in or near the structural shell of the tailings dam and will serve the operational needs of Climax.

2.2 Tunnel Capacity and Design Criteria

As described in Exhibit G to Permit Amendment AM-06, a site-wide hydrological assessment of the Climax Mine was completed to evaluate the ability to safely handle the flood generated by the PMP event (Wheeler, 2005).

During mining, the storage capacities of the TSF water pools will be continuously changing as additional tailing is deposited in the facilities. Rather than attempt to model each expected change, a generalized model was established to determine the volume of flood storage that will need to be maintained on the TSFs to accommodate the PMP event with an additional one foot of residual freeboard. The peak flow capacities needed for the decant and spillway structures on each water facility were also determined.

The peak flow rates from the individual subbasins at Climax are relatively high, due primarily to the steep slopes and high-intensity rainfall associated with the PMP event. Runoff from these basins discharges into the water pools on the three TSFs where the peak flows are attenuated to more manageable levels. The flood storage capacity of the TSF water pools is a primary component of the flood routing system at Climax. Several combinations of available flood storage capacity and available hydraulic head could be used to route the PMP event flows through Mayflower TSF. When Climax is depositing tailing into the Mayflower TSF, the new PDWTP will limit the allowable outflow of water from the decant pond. Therefore, it is desirable to dedicate a large volume of the decant pond to operational water storage thereby reducing the volume and available hydraulic head of the portion dedicated to flood routing. Climax has determined that a spillway capacity of about 500 cubic feet per second (cfs) with five feet of hydraulic head would provide an adequate spillway to pass the PMP event while maintaining adequate operational storage capacity.

2.3 Tunnel Design and Construction

The Mayflower Tunnel will have a typical section of approximately 10 feet x 10 feet and will be advanced using drill and blast techniques. It is possible that the cross-sectional dimensions of the tunnel may increase based on ongoing discussions with the tunneling contractor regarding the optimum size based on constructability issues, however, if a larger diameter tunnel is constructed the hydraulic performance of the tunnel will be improved. An initial geotechnical investigation consisting of borings and test pits was completed for Stage 1 of the Main Tunnel alignment and Inlet Tunnel 1. The location of exploratory borings and test pits are indicated on Drawing C-01 and a geologic map with the tunnel profile through inlet portal No. 1 is provided as Drawing C-03. Additional geotechnical investigations are scheduled to be conducted in 2012 for final alignment of Inlets 2 and 3.

The tunnel system will consist of the Main Tunnel Stage 1 (4,950 feet), Inlet Stage 2 (1,000 feet), Inlet Stage 3 (1,000 feet), and Inlet Stage 4 (850 feet) to daylight the tunnel. The purpose for Stage 4 is to maintain two ingress/egress points through the life of the flood bypass system for safety. The tunnel

advance rate using drill and blast methods is anticipated to range from 6 to 12-feet per day per shift depending on the rock encountered and stabilization methods. Pre-excavation grouting will be performed through fault zones, or other areas where water inflow is anticipated. To accurately identify areas requiring grouting, probe holes will be drilled in advance of tunnel excavation to lengths of at least 50 feet, with 10 feet of overlap between subsequent probe holes. Where grouting is required, 50 foot long grout holes will be drilled in a full radial pattern, inclined five degrees outward from the tunnel centerline, with 15 foot overlap between successive rows of grout holes along the tunnel alignment.

Depending on rock conditions encountered, the tunnel will require varying degrees of support. Multiple classifications of stabilization have been designed consisting of rock bolt support with wire mesh, rock bolt support with wire mesh and shotcrete, or structural steel rib sets. It is estimated that the majority of the tunnel will require stabilization measures.

Portal stabilization will be required at the inlets to Inlet Stages 1, 2, 3 and 4 as well as at the Main Tunnel's outlet. Portal stabilization has been designed to include a reinforced concrete liner extending 25 feet from the limits of portal excavation. In addition, as indicated on Drawings C-05 and C-06, soil nail retaining walls will be constructed at each portal.

As tailing is deposited in the Mayflower TSF, the flood spillway must rise with the dam elevation. This requires the use of risers which connect to the spillway. At Climax, risers that run up the side of the hill, or "side-hill" risers have been employed successfully. Side-hill risers will be constructed at the inlets to Inlet Stages 1, 2, and 3. Each of the side-hill risers will be connected to the main tunnel via an adit. The configuration of three inlets, and side-hill risers, at 70 foot intervals allows for closure of the lower adits and risers as the tailing surfaces rises. As the tailing surface rises, plates are installed in the openings of the side-hill risers to effectively raise the decant pond elevation. Once a certain number of plates have been placed in the riser, they will be sealed from the inside with structural concrete to minimize seepage.

Identifying historic mine workings is important for the reduction of risk to the Mayflower Tailings Impoundment. Identifying and closing these historic mine working where they intersect the tunnel reduces the potential for seepage of water and tailing through the abutments and around the Mayflower Dam. There is on-going mine claim research and field investigations into the location of the historic mine workings to identify any mine workings prior to construction.

2.4 Seepage Collection and Containment

Based on the initial geotechnical investigation, it is estimated that groundwater inflow into the tunnel may reach approximately 2 cfs (900 gpm). Grouting, as described in the previous section is expected to reduce the amount of seepage into the tunnel to the extent practicable. A seepage collection system will be constructed to contain tunnel seepage and direct it to the existing 5 Dam seepage containment system

(Drawings C-06 and C-07). At the tunnel outlet portal, water will be directed to an enclosed system, consisting of cast-in-place concrete inlet vault, a stormwater vault to trap sediment, and an 18-inch seepage collection pipeline. This pipeline will convey water to the existing concrete lined clear pond associated with the 5 Dam Seepwater Collection and Return system (5 Dam Pump System). As indicated on Drawing C-06, run-on control ditches will prevent unimpacted water from entering the system, and provisions in the piping system have been made to allow the temporary storage of seepage in a lined sediment pond prior to release to the clear pond (Drawing C-07). This sediment pond may be constructed during construction, if necessary, but will be removed following the completion of tunnel construction. Seepage directed to the clear pond will then be pumped back to the Mill process water system using the existing 5 Dam Pump System. The tunnel seepage water will be used for process water or will be treated prior to discharge to the environment. No water would be directly discharged to Tenmile Creek from the Mayflower Tunnel.

The 5 Dam Pump System is classified as an EPF in AM-06 and the Climax Mine Environmental Protection Plan. The function of the existing system is to collect impacted seepage from the toe of 5 Dam and convey this water back into the water treatment system through a 24-inch-diameter HDPE pipeline. The pump system consists of two 150-horspower vertical turbine pumps with a pumping capacity of approximately 2,000 gpm.

As a result of additional water flows into this system from tunnel seepage, modifications to the 5 Dam Pump System will be required. The proposed modifications will involve adding up to two new pumps. The new pumps will either be similar to the existing pumps or have a slightly higher pumping capacity. No changes to the existing discharge pipeline will be necessary, nor will changes be made to the existing seepage collection system. The existing pump station has the space to accommodate the installation of additional pumps. A General Arrangement Drawing (Drawing MPS-G-01) of the 5 Dam pump station, illustrating the location of the new pumps is included in Appendix A.

2.5 Effects of Stability on Blasting

In accordance with DRMS Rule 6.5, Geotechnical Stability, the effects of blasting associated with tunnel construction have been evaluated. Appendix B to this TR includes the results of a blast vibration assessment prepared by URS Corporation and Rock Solid Solutions, and an evaluation of this assessment as it pertains directly to the stability of 5 Dam. In summary, the vibrations from blasting activities within the tunnel will not create the type of ground acceleration that will affect the stability of the tailing dam.

2.6 Roads and Access

The outlet portal of the Mayflower Tunnel will be located below the left (west) abutment of 5 Dam near the 5 Dam pumphouse. The main access to the outlet portal will be provided from the existing site entrance

off SH 91 (at its intersection with the old alignment). Access to the inlet portal locations will be provided by new access roads from the West Interceptor road and from the lower perimeter road around the west side of the Mayflower TSF. All work will be within the current Affected Land Boundary, as shown on Drawing C-01.

2.7 Project Schedule

Portal and outlet seepage collection system construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in late May 2012, with initial activities focused on the main tunnel outlet and Inlet 1 construction. Tunnel construction is expected to begin in August 2012. Additional geotechnical investigations will be conducted in 2012 for final alignment of Inlets 2 and 3. Based on the current construction schedule Stage 1 of the tunnel, from the outlet to the connection with Inlet 1, is expected to be completed during the spring of 2013. By the end of 2013 Climax anticipates completing the Stage 1 side-hill riser.

2.8 Construction Quality Control/Quality Assurance

URS is the design engineer for the project. The technical specifications will contain equipment and material specifications, project execution requirements, and quality control requirements, which will be the responsibility of Climax. Third party contractors may be employed to provide specific material testing and inspection services to demonstrate compliance with the project specifications. Quality assurance, consisting of ensuring the completion of all quality control activities, review and approval of quality control results, and independent inspections and testing, will fall under the responsibilities of Climax, who will have overall responsibility for ensuring the facilities are constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

2.9 Tunnel System Closure

Closure of the Mayflower Tunnel System will consist of two components; closure of the side-hill risers and adits during operations, and closure of the tunnel itself when it is no longer needed following end of mining and milling operations. As previously described, during operations, as the tailing and pond level rises, steel plates will be installed in the side-hill risers to raise the operating pool. The side-hill risers will be closed by placing structural concrete behind all steel plates to minimize seepage from the tailing pond into the tunnel system. Once the tailing level reaches the maximum elevation for a riser inlet, the riser will be completely grouted and abandoned and a mass concrete plug (MCP) will be constructed within the adit. It is anticipated that each adit MCPs will be approximately 35 feet long, located in the section of each adit with the most competent rock (least amount of fractures).

Final designs have not been developed for final closure, however the current preliminary design details are provided below. Construction of each adit MCP will involve installing temporary watertight bulkheads to contain backfill concrete and backfill grout. Concrete will be inserted from the up-station bulkhead through concrete delivery lines. The delivery lines will be inserted through primary and secondary concrete ports and will be retracted as the concrete pour progresses. Once the mass concrete plug is

poured and cured, contact grouting will commence along the crown of the tunnel plug to fill any voids created from incomplete filling, shrinkage or consolidation. Contact grouting will be performed through sacrificial grout supply and ventilation/return lines installed along the crown of the tunnel. Grout supply and return lines will be placed into the roof of the tunnel to ensure the entire MCP interval is filled with concrete or grout.

Depending on the geology (orientation, persistence and spacing of discontinuities) at each adit MCP location, a grout curtain may be required at the upstream end of the concrete plug. If required, the curtain would likely consist of drilled grout holes, approximately 30 feet long, equally spaced around the tunnel perimeter, but this design is subject to change based on the conditions at each location. The grout curtain would be constructed within 5 feet of the up-station bulkhead.

After mineral extraction and production at the site have been permanently terminated by Climax the Mayflower Tunnel will be closed as part of the final site reclamation. The timing of the tunnel closure is somewhat uncertain in that it will be linked to other site reclamation elements including the reclamation of the Mayflower TSF and the construction of an alternate surface spillway to manage flood waters, which may ultimately connect to the future extension of the East Side Channel,. As presented in AM-06, the intent of the East Side Channel system will be to eventually convey unimpacted runoff from the reclaimed areas below the fresh water interceptor system to Tenmile Creek. It is anticipated that a fixed crest overflow weir will be constructed at the inlet to the surface spillway from Mayflower Pond, to replace the Mayflower Tunnel to safely pass emergency flood flows.

Closure of the Mayflower Tunnel will be completed similar to the closure of the inlet adits, described above. A Mass Concrete Plug will be constructed, in competent rock, within the main tunnel at a location to be determined based on the geology observed during tunnel construction. MCP construction in the main tunnel will include the same elements as described above for the adit MCPs. Drawing C-8, included in Appendix A, provides preliminary construction details. The cost of tunnel closure is estimated to be approximately \$530,000.

Under the current financial assurance required and held by the DRMS, Climax maintains a surety bond in the amount of \$78,246,088 (Exhibit L of AM-06). Of this amount \$11,967,396 is allocated for water management facilities, including the East Side Channel and East Side Pipeline. The East Side Pipeline, included in the Exhibit L reclamation estimate, accounts for over \$7,000,000 of this cost item. This estimate includes costs for over 20,000 feet of new pipe (approximately half of the total pipeline length), identified as the Camp, Robinson, and Tenmile extensions. With the installation of the new HDPE tailing delivery line (TDL) line from the mill to the Tenmile TSF complete, Climax anticipates that all or a large portion of this line can be converted from tailing transport to the conveyance of impacted water and that the construction of a new pipeline in the Camp and Robinson areas would not be necessary. Therefore, the reclamation cost to construct the East Side Pipeline at closure is over-stated by as much as

\$3,500,000. This means that there should be sufficient funding currently in the financial assurance for Climax reclamation for the costs of Mayflower Tunnel Closure.

3.0 RECLAIM WATER SYSTEM AND SUPPLY CANAL NO. 2

The current configuration of the reclaim water system, including the new pipeline to be constructed in Supply Canal No. 2 was not specifically identified in the AM-06 application. However, it was shown in the Overall Site Facilities Plan in Technical Revision (TR) 19 for the Property Discharge Water Treatment Plant. This configuration is also represented on a revised Water Management System Map (Figure AM-06-T-02), included with this submittal in the Figures section. As described in the Climax Environmental Protection Plan (EPP), facilities used to transfer process water are considered internal Environmental Protection Facilities (EPFs). As this system is completely within the limits of the Climax Water Management and Treatment System boundaries it is considered an internal control. Drawings referenced within this section are included in Appendix C.

3.1 Reclaim System

A new barge pump system will pump process water from the Mayflower TSF decant pond to Supply Canal No. 2 for delivery to the Tenmile Tunnel and Robinson Lake. The Reclaim Barge will convey approximately 10,000 gpm with two active-duty pumps. A third pump will be installed as a standby pump. This pump station will operate on a continuous basis during active tailing deposition onto the Mayflower TSF.

The final design for this pump system has not yet been finalized. However, the floating barge will be an enclosed structure, with metal siding over a steel structure with a peaked roof. The Reclaim Barge is anticipated to be on the order of 35 to 40-feet-wide by 60 to 80-feet-long.

A new 30-inch-diameter buried carbon steel pipeline will be constructed to convey process water that is pumped by the new Reclaim Barge to Supply Canal No. 2. The alignment for the new pipeline is shown on drawing 542-C-01, included in Appendix C. The pipeline extends from the Reclaim Barge up thru Searle Gulch to the Searle Gulch Valve Vault, and then up the south side of Searle Gulch to Supply Canal No. 2. The carbon steel pipe has a minimum wall thickness of 0.304 inches and design pressure rating of 175 psi. The entire length of this pipeline lies within Climax's process water system so that any failure or leak from the pipeline would be fully contained within the Mayflower TSF decant pond.

3.2 Supply Canal No. 2

Supply Canal No. 2 is located on the northwest side of the Climax property, just south and west of Mayflower TSF. The existing 8,100-foot-long open-channel canal, which is situated below and parallel to the West Interceptor, is used, when needed, to divert fresh water from Searle Gulch and Kokomo Creek and deliver it to the north portal of the Tenmile Tunnel, for make-up process water. The existing canal and diversion structures have not been used in over 20 years and now require rehabilitation prior to being placed back into operation. In addition, a new Mill Water Reclaim Barge will deliver water from the Mayflower TSF decant pond to a pipeline that will be buried in Supply Canal No. 2 as part of the Mill

reclaim circuit to Tenmile Tunnel. The alignment of Supply Canal No. 2 and the new pipeline are shown on drawing 542-C-01, included in Appendix C.

The reclaim water flows from Mayflower TSF will occur on a nearly continuous basis throughout the year. With consistent winter-time use, Climax has decided to enclose that portion of the canal that will be used year-round to alleviate snow accumulation and icing concerns and to reduce the risk of winter-time shutdown. The intent of this project is to install approximately 5,800 feet of pipe in the former canal prism for year-round water conveyance and to rehabilitate approximately 2,300 feet of open-channel canal for occasional summer use for make up water from Searle Gulch and Kokomo Creek. A more detailed description of this work is provided below and construction drawings for the project are included in Appendix C.

3.2.1 Open Channel Rehabilitation

The work involved with rehabilitating approximately 2,300 feet of open-channel canal includes removing sediment from the canal prism, reshaping the canal prism, and reconstructing the adjacent access road. The canal is to be reconstructed to have a six-foot-wide bottom width, 2:1 side slopes, and a minimum channel depth of 3.5 feet.

The invert of the canal is to be reconstructed to a nominal slope of 0.40 percent with the goal of utilizing as much of the existing channel and access road as possible without extensive earthwork. Therefore, the channel invert slope can vary from 0.30 percent to 0.50 percent to reduce the overall quantity of excavation.

3.2.2 Pipeline Construction

From Station 0+00 to 58+00, the existing open-channel canal is to be replaced with a buried 60-inchdiameter, corrugated or steel-reinforced HDPE pipeline with bell and spigot joints, watertight per ASTM D3212. This pipeline is to be constructed in the existing channel alignment and buried by borrowing fill material from the immediate vicinity of the channel. It is anticipated that the pipe trench will typically be eight feet wide and about five feet deep. Granular pipe bedding is to be placed beneath the pipe and around the sides up to the springline. Excavated trench material is to be used to backfill over the pipe to a cover depth of two feet. Where sufficient backfill material is not available from the trench excavation, additional, clean material can be borrowed from a nearby source. Drawings 542-C-430 and 542-C-431 provide typical canal and pipeline sections and details.

A new access road is to be constructed adjacent to the pipeline wherever the existing bench width allows or over the pipe in narrower sections. A roadside ditch is to be constructed on the uphill side of the access road to collect and convey surface runoff. Approximately four to six, 18-inch-diameter, corrugated HDPE culverts are to be installed to divert water from the roadside ditch to the downhill side of the pipeline. Where Kokomo Creek crosses the pipeline corridor, two 24-inch corrugated HDPE culverts will be used to convey Kokomo Creek flows across the pipeline.

Perforated drain pipes are to be installed to release water from the pipe bedding to the downhill side of the canal approximately every 300 to 500 feet along the pipeline alignment. These drain pipes will be strategically located based on subsurface water conditions encountered during trench excavation. It is currently anticipated that approximately 15 drain pipes will be needed. These drain pipes are to be six-inch-diameter slotted PVC.

The pipeline alignment crosses an existing mine road at about Station 19+50. In order to protect the pipe from external loads, the pipeline from Station 18+50 to 20+50 is to be fully encased in lean concrete.

3.2.3 West Interceptor Bypass Structure Rehabilitation

Although not considered an EPF, the existing West Interceptor Bypass Structure at Searle Gulch consists of a concrete weir wall across the natural stream channel and a gated 48-inch-diameter corrugated metal pipe (CMP) to direct water into the West Interceptor. The weir wall across Searle Gulch contains a sharp-crested overflow weir plate with a 12-inch-diameter low-level steel outlet pipe, with a stop gate. The majority of the concrete for this structure is in a serviceable condition. Also, the slide gate, trashrack, and CMP appurtenant to the West Interceptor do not require rehabilitation and are currently used to direct water into the West Interceptor. The concrete weir wall across Searle Gulch, however, has deteriorated, the weir plate is rusted, the low-level outlet pipe and stop gate are rusted, and the low-level outlet pipe would not be accessible during high flows. The modifications to the West Interceptor Bypass Structure include adding stop logs in front of the West Interceptor slide gate to allow this gate to remain open when water is being released down Searle Gulch, replacing the concrete weir wall, adding a sharp-crested weir plate to the new weir wall, and replacing the low-level outlet pipe and stop gate with two new aluminum slide gates to facilitate operation and flow regulation.

3.2.4 Searle Gulch Diversion Structure

Also not considered an EPF, the existing diversion structure at Searle Gulch will be completely replaced. The design of the new Searle Gulch Diversion Structure consists of a concrete headwall across Searle Gulch to intercept water released from the West Interceptor Bypass Structure, two 24-inch-square aluminum slide gates to control flows into the Supply Canal, a weir wall to bypass flood flows down Searle Gulch, a low-level 24-inch-square aluminum slide gate on the weir wall to release water into Searle Gulch thru a 60-inch-diameter corrugated HDPE pipe, and a Parshall flume in the canal channel. Riprap with a non-woven geotextile underlay are to be placed as revetment to protect the flow paths around the structure from scour.

3.2.5 Reclaim Pipeline Inlet Structure

At Station 58+00, the open channel transitions into 60-inch-diameter HDPE pipe thru a standard reinforced concrete (RCP) flared end section. Then, at about Station 54+00, a new Pipeline Inlet Structure is required to combine the Supply Canal flows with the piped flows from the new Mill Water

Reclaim Barge. The design for this structure includes a rectangular structure with 60-inch-diameter pipe penetrations on each end and a side inlet to capture and dissipate the pumped barge flows. Riprap with a non-woven geotextile underlay are to be placed as revetment to protect the flow paths around the structure from scour. Drawing number 542-C-45- illustrate the details of this pipeline inlet structure.

3.2.6 Tenmile Tunnel Inlet

Supply Canal No. 2 terminates at the north portal of the Tenmile Tunnel. In order to facilitate equipment entrance into the tunnel for maintenance, the corrugated HDPE pipe will penetrate the right (west) tunnel wall just inside the tunnel entrance. A concrete encasement is to be constructed to support the pipe and seal the annulus between the new corrugated HDPE pipe and tunnel wall. Drawing number 542-C-440 illustrates the details of the Tenmile Tunnel Inlet Structure.

3.3 Leak Detection

The entire Mill reclaim water system is located entirely within the Mayflower TSF basin, below the interceptors. The pipelines are not designed to leak. If leakage were to occur it would be noticed by the daily pipeline inspections performed by Climax personnel during each shift. Any leaks that occur would report to the Mayflower TSF and therefore remain within the Mill reclaim water system. Along the 60-inch pipeline constructed within Supply Canal No. 2, additional leak detection is provided by the perforated drain pipes installed to release water from the pipe bedding to the downhill side of the canal approximately every 300 to 500 feet along the pipeline alignment. These drain pipes are to be six-inch-diameter slotted PVC and unusual flows noticed from the drain pipes may signify pipeline leakage.

4.0 OTHER AGENCY PERMITS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The Mayflower Tunnel and Reclaim Water System are located within the "affected land" boundary as classified under Climax's existing Mine Reclamation Permit (Permit # M-77-493), issued by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS). These new facilities also are EPFs to be included in the Climax EPP.

4.1 Required Permits

The federal, state, and local permits and approvals that will be required from agencies other than the DRMS for the Mayflower Tunnel and Reclaim Water System projects are described below.

Colorado Division of Water Resources (Office of the State Engineer) Well Permit

A Water Well permit will be obtained from the State Engineer (Colorado Division of Water Resources, Department of Natural Resources) prior to constructing the Mayflower Tunnel. In addition, Climax has filed a Water Court application for an augmentation plan to cover groundwater diversions associated with the tunnel. The Augmentation Plan and a recently submitted Substitute Water Supply Plan addresses the tunnel, the groundwater diversions associate with new wells associated with the PDWTP, and other minor consumptive uses at the PDWTP.

Summit County Grading and Excavation Permit

A Grading and Excavation permit from Summit County is required for any ground disturbing activities outside of the AM-06 permitted tailing footprint. The grading and excavation permit application will be submitted to Summit County prior to initiating access road construction, and tunnel and pipeline construction.

Summit County Temporary Use Permit

A Temporary Use Permit from Summit County may be required for the establishment of construction trailers in the staging area for Mayflower Tunnel construction.

Storm Water Permit

The EPA requires that storm water discharges be regulated under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The Colorado program is referred to as the Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS), and is administered by the Water Quality Control Division (WQCD) of CDPHE.

Since all construction activities will be conducted within the boundaries of the Climax Water Management and Treatment System and covered by the existing CDPS Permit No. CO-0000248, a separate storm water permit is not needed. However, as a Climax best management practice, a supplement to the sitewide Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) will be prepared prior to the start of construction and will include BMPs specific to the planned tunnel and pipeline construction activities.

FIGURES



APPENDIX A

MAYFLOWER TUNNEL DRAWINGS

MAYFLOWER FLOOD BYPASS TUNNEL SYSTEM DRMS PERMIT SET CLIMAX, COLORADO

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C-04	CONCEPTUAL STAGES 2, 3, AND 4 PROFIL
C-05	INLET PORTAL NO. 1 PLAN
C-06	OUTLET PORTAL PLAN
C-07	SEEPAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM
C-08	CONCRETE PLUG CLOSUE DETAILS



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ABBREVIATIONS

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APPENDIX B

BLASTING ANALYSIS



April 11, 2012

Mr. Ron Valentine Climax Molybdenum Company Climax Mine Highway 91 – Fremont Pass Climax, CO 80429

Subject: Mayflower Tunnel Blast Vibration Assessment, Mayflower Tailing Dam, Climax Mine, Climax, Colorado Project No. 22242752 (T00100)

Dear Mr. Valentine:

URS Corporation (URS) was requested by Climax Molybdenum Company (Climax) to review the potential impact on tailing dam stability of ground vibrations generated by blasting activities during excavation of the proposed Mayflower Tunnel. Presented below is a brief discussion of the vibration evaluation, conclusions of the geotechnical review, and our recommendations moving forward.

VIBRATION EVALUATION

URS is in the process of completing engineering design on the proposed Mayflower Tunnel at the Mayflower Tailing Storage Facility (TSF). The tunnel will function as a flood bypass structure and is to be located within the bedrock units at the left abutment of the TSF impoundment. The proposed tunnel excavation method is drilling and blasting. The blasting will generate ground vibrations that will propagate through adjacent structures. Identified critical structures in the blast vicinity include the tailing embankment and Mayflower pump house.

URS has contracted Rock Solid Solutions (RSS) to perform an assessment of the potential ground vibrations and establish criteria for blasting limits for the project. The results of RSS's evaluation are provided in Attachment A. A brief summary of the RSS evaluation is provided below.

Summary of Blast Design Principles

The RSS evaluation provides discussion on the difference between blasting vibrations and earthquake vibrations (ground motions). Blast vibrations have short durations at relatively high frequencies while earthquake vibrations have longer durations at lower frequencies. Earthquake shear waves typical generate large strains and shears within an embankment that shake the



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embankment as a whole. Conversely, the waves generated from a blast charge dissipate with distance traveled and create a motion in a structure that is not in phase.

RSS reports the Bureau of Mines & Office of Surface Mining (OSM) has prepared guidelines for blasting limits, based on their own studies, have been included in state codes and other regulations and used as reference by International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE). Generally the guidelines specifically reference the Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) limit of 2.0 inches per second (ips) as the upper limit of vibration.

Feasibility Level Blast Plan

Blast vibrations are of interest at the dam embankment and pump house. The pump house is located about 60 feet from the outlet portal, with "distance to blast" increasing as the tunnel excavation advances. The embankment is generally about 300 feet away from the tunnel at the nearest location. RSS developed a graph using PPV limits versus the Scaled Distance Method (per OSM guidelines) that considers a potential blast plan that assumes a full-face heading and perimeter blasting corresponding to 19 pounds per delay (lbs/delay).

Calculated PPV at the embankment was < 0.3 ips, which is well below the OSM limit of 2.0 ips. The calculated PPV at the pump house was greater than 2.0 ips, requiring modification to the blast plan for the outlet portal and up to 50 feet into the tunnel. The modification requires a reduced blast plan of 9 lbs/delay, which may require the tunnel contractor to "deck the holes" and extend the tunnel blast delays. Decking is not an unusual industry practice.

Geotechnical Embankment Review

Review of the URS (2007) stability analyses for the Mayflower TSF indicated a calculated factor-of-safety (FS) of 2.9 for existing height under steady-state conditions. The factor of safety for the post-earthquake stability analysis was 2.4, and would be representative of undrained conditions. As discussed previously, blast vibrations have short durations at relatively high frequencies and should not generate significant excess pore pressures. The relatively high FS values for steady-state and undrained conditions do not indicate a need for stricter requirements than the OSM guidelines as proposed by RSS above.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the RSS evaluation of blast vibrations and the URS (2007) evaluation of geotechnical stability of the Mayflower embankment, URS is comfortable that blast vibrations should not be a problem for this project. The conclusions and recommendations provided by RSS in their evaluation, and agreed upon by URS, include:



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- Preparing a Blast Plan that sets charges at:
 - o 9 lbs/delay at the outlet portal and for 50 upstream of the outlet portal
 - o 19 lbs/delay throughout the remaining tunnel excavation
- Requiring a series of test blasts to confirm the assumptions and calculations of the proposed blast plan and observe the contractor's blasting practices
- Conducting blast monitoring at three locations using seismographs during tunnel excavation to confirm the blast vibrations are within specified limits and provide documentation for quality assurance purposes. The first seismograph is to be located at the pump house, another at the left side of the dam embankment, and the third along the left abutment between the other stations (see attached Figure 1).

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As always, we appreciate the continuing opportunity to work with Climax on this project. Please feel free to call with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Tiffany Adams, Ph.D., P.E. Geotechnical Project Engineer

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Attachments:

Attachment A –Blast Vibrations Memo from Rock Solid Solutions Figure 1 – Seismograph Monitoring System Plan View

cc: John Barnes, Climax Molybdenum Company Raymond Lazuk, Climax Molybdenum Company Daryl Longwell, Tetra Tech

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January 29, 2012



BLAST VIBRATIONS MEMO

Mr. John Sikora Manager, Mayflower Dam Diversion Tunnel Project 713 Cooper Avenue, Suite 100 Glenwood Springs, CO 81601

Subject: Feasibility Blast Plan Evaluation for Vibration Assessment, Tunnel Option, URS Project No. 22242143

Dear John:

Design and construction of a Diversion system for the Mayflower Tailings Dam for the Climax Mining operations has considered numerous options for the project. The option that has been considered the most effective for the long term operation of the facilities is a bypass tunnel located on the left abutment of the dam. Since the structure is a tailings dam, constructed using the upstream beach tailings method, the embankment is considered to be very sensitive to seismic and potentially blasting vibrations. This conclusion indicates that the embankment may be vulnerable to seismically-induced strength reduction.

URS and Freeport McMoran (FM&I) requested that Rock Solid Solutions (RSS) evaluate the typical construction blasting vibrations and establish criteria for the tunneling contractor to maintain safe vibration levels during construction of the bypass tunnel. As requested, evaluation of the blasting operations will help assess what can be done to minimize the impact of blast vibration to the embankment and adjacent structures. See Figure 1 attached for the Tunnel Alignment relative to Critical Structures at the project site.

Blast Design Principles

To assess the impact of blast vibrations on the embankment, we need to understand the difference in characteristics of ground vibration generated by a large regional earthquake and construction blasting. An earthquake will generate vibrations at a very low frequency (0.1 Hz to almost always <1 Hz) and displacements over a relatively long duration (minutes). Construction blasting generally produces vibrations that are at higher frequency (20 to 100 Hz) with small displacements and short durations (seconds). In general, acceleration is proportional to the square of the frequency. If we double the frequency and the displacement remains the same, there is a four fold (4x) increase in acceleration. An example of blasting vibrations compared to an earthquake is shown on Figure 2 (Dowding 1985).



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Table 1, provides vibration parameters (particle velocity, displacement and wavelength) for different frequencies all with the same acceleration (0.12g from Oriard, 2003). Large earthquake displacements generate large strains and shear within an embankment. The long waves shake the embankment as a unit, simultaneously throughout. Blasting will not generate that type of motion, the small charges send a transient wave through the earth, dying out rapidly with the distance they travel. The waves are short, therefore, motion in a structure are not in phase. Understanding these different vibration properties clarifies the potential impacts due to blasting at the project.

The Bureau of Mines & Office of Surface Mining (OSM) have conducted numerous studies of blast vibrations and prepared guidelines that have been incorporated into a number of state codes, regulations, ordinances and project specifications. Peak particle velocity is the standard measurement for blasting operations and has more meaning then acceleration when comparing the potential for damage. The OSM guidelines recommend a Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) limit of 2.0 inch per sec (ips) for residences near blasting with frequencies above 30Hz. A graph of the OSM guidelines is attached as Figure 3 (ISEE Blaster's Handbook 1998). The guidelines have been widely accepted as the upper limit of vibration, where no damage has been observed in residential structures exposed to repeated blast vibrations. Mayflower Dam is significantly more robust than a residential plaster wall. OSM has taken this effort a step further to develop a very conservative "Scaled Distance" equation (W=(D/50)² where D<300 ft) for blasters to utilizes. When a blaster utilizes the Scaled Distance formula in design, they are not even required to monitor for vibrations.

Mayflower Dam Feasibility Level Blast Design

Mayflower Dam was constructed using the upstream beach method of tailings dam construction, making the wide embankment fairly robust. However, being a saturated sand upstream may make it a bit more sensitive to construction blasting vibrations and activities. Therefore, URS is warranted in requiring limits to the blasting operations. As a result, RSS has evaluated the vibrations required for construction blasting and assess the ability to conduct the work within restricted levels of Peak Particle Velocity. An upper limit PPV that is within the OSM guidelines should be utilized as the starting point guidelines as a conservative value for design, PPV=2.0 ips.

The dam embankment and the pump house structure have been identified as the "critical locations" where blast vibrations need to be limited during construction of the Tunnel Diversion System. Since vibrations decay with distance, these points represent locations (on the embankment) where the highest vibration condition should occur, all other vibrations in the embankment should be lower and transient. The distance from the



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blasting operations to the pump house structure are as close as 60-ft at the outlet portal (Sta 48+09) and increase rapidly (to over 100-ft) by the time the tunnel has advanced some 50-ft in (Sta 47+50). The tunnel alignment has been moved out away from the dam embankment to avoid shallow surface geologic structures. As a result, the tunnel alignment is generally greater than 300-ft from the embankment, Figure 4. Using the OSM "Scaled Distance" Method (W=(D/50)²) the allowable charge weight would be less than 2 lbs/delay, almost nothing during portal development and initial tunneling operations near the pump house. It however, would be on the order of about 20 lbs/delay for the tunneling operations adjacent to the dam embankment.

Oriard (1970, 1992) has developed a typical bound of Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) versus Scaled Distance ($ft/(lbs^{1/2})$) for ground vibrations from blasting, Figure 5. Equations for the typical (range) bounds provides a starting point to estimate the ground vibrations at a new site for various charges and distances. The equation is linear and the data is bound by a low and high line with different constant (24 to 242) values based upon the range of data accumulated over the years.

A potential blast plan for the tunnel was developed assuming a full face heading and perimeter blasting to control back break. The tunnel blast plan layout is shown on Figure 6 attached. A maximum of 19 lbs/delay was developed for the 10-ft horseshoe tunnel pulling an 8-ft round. Blasting in the tunnel adjacent to the dam embankment would likely produce vibrations well below the OSM criteria due to the distance away (300+ft) and limited pounds (19 lbs/delay) of explosives that would likely be used to drive the tunnel. A PPV of < 0.3 ips was calculated for the dam embankment structure using the proposed blast design.

The pump house structure on the other hand will require some design modifications to the proposed blast plan (at least for the first 50-ft of tunneling) to remain within the OSM standard of PPV< 2.0ips. To develop an estimate of what charge can be used at the downstream portal and tunnel of the Mayflower Dam Diversion Tunnel Project, we have utilized a maximum Peak Particle Velocity of 2.0 ips and an upper bound (lower charge weight) constant of 242. The downstream portal of the tunnel is the closest to the critical pump house location at 60 ft. Using Oriard's upper bound equation and the distance of 60 ft, a charge weight of about 9 lbs per delay has been computed. This should not present a significant problem for a contractor during portal development, they will merely have to deck their holes and extend the tunnel delays more to control the blast vibrations at the pump house structure. A revised timing sequence for the first 50-ft of tunnel from the downstream portal is shown on Figure 7, attached.



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A recommended seismograph monitoring system has been prepared to confirm that the tunneling contractor stays within the OSM standards and Project guidelines is shown on Figure 8. Three seismographs, one placed at the pump house structure (SM#1); and 2 placed along the left abutment of the embankment near the access roads (SM#2 & SM#3) will document the vibration conditions and confirm that the blast vibrations during the tunneling operations stay within the OSM and Project guidelines.

Summary

In summary, the blasting operations will produce vibrations that are significantly different then vibrations caused by an earthquake. Peak particle velocity is the appropriate measure for damage control and not acceleration. The pump house structure and the contact between the left abutment and the dam embankment has been selected as the critical locations for limiting vibration, based upon vibration decay with distance. Use of the OSM Scaled Distance equation will not provide enough blast energy to successfully fracture the rock. Vibration prediction methods (Oriard 1970, 1992) Figure 5, provide a reasonable method to estimate charge weight versus distance to critical locations. The critical charge weight was estimated to be 9 lbs/delay for a PPV of 2.0 ips at the pump house structure and the first 50-ft of the downstream tunnel. A typical tunnel blast round having a charge weight of 19 lbs/delay for tunnel blasting should easily stay within the OSM limits with minimal impact to the embankment. Downstream portal blasting will require some creative methods such as decking to maintain the vibrations within the limits desired, however, this effort is not unusual for the industry.

A series of test blasts (3 surface blasts and 2 tunnel rounds) should be part of the specifications for blasting on the Mayflower Dam Diversion Tunnel Project. This will confirm the assumptions in this assessment as well as allow the construction management team to assess the blasting contractor's practices at a safe distance from the embankment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this summary memo, please contact us.

Sincerely, Rock Solid Solutions

Donald J Berger, PE Project Engineer (970) 987-2743



FIGURE 1





FIGURE 2 DOWDING 1985

TABLE 1

COMPARISON OF VIBRATION PARAMETERS AT DIFFERENT FREQUENCIES							
ACCELERATION	FREQUENCY	VELOCITY	DISPLACEMENT	WAVE LENGTH Soil (2000 fps)	WAVE LENGTH ROCK (10,000 fps)		
0.12 g	0.1 Hz	75 in/s	120 in	20,000 ft	100,000 ft		
0.12 g	1 Hz	7.5 in/s	1.2 in	2,000 ft	10,000 ft		
0.12 g	10 Hz	0.75 in/s	0.012 in	200 ft	1,000 ft		
0.12 g	100 Hz	0.075 in/s	0.00012 in	20 ft	100 ft		
0.12 g	1000 Hz	0.0075 in/s	0.0000012 in	2 ft	10 ft		
0.12 g	10,000 Hz	0.00075 in/s	0.000000012 in	0.2 ft	1 ft		
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For sinusoidal motion:

Acceleration $a = 0.1 f^2 D$ Displacement D = a / 0.1 f² (Also, D = V / (2 π f) Particle velocity V = a $(2 \pi) / (0.1 \text{ f})$ Also V = $2 \pi \text{ f}$ D) Wave length = propagation velocity / frequency

In the following table, we see first those very long surface waves from a large earthquake at frequencies down to 0.1 Hz. The last item might represent very small blasting charges in a concrete wall or structural rock perimeter.

ORIARD 2003



Typical Vibration Histories and Elementary Analysis

Figure 2-8 Predominant frequency histograms at structures of concern. (After Siskind, 1980b.)

TABLE 1B

FIGURE 3A

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FIGURE 4



(ORIARD, 1970, 1992)

FIGURE 5

Typical Tunnel Blast 8-ft Round



Summary of Blasthole Loading Quantities

106 Sticks of - 1 1/2" x 16" Senatel Ultrex or 121.9 lbs @ 1.15 lbs/stx

85 - 1 1/4" x 16" Sticks of Power split or 33.15 lbs @ 0.39 lbs/stx

Powder Factor (139.3cf/ft @ 8-ft = 41.3cy/round) PF=(155.05 lbs/41.3cy) = 3.75 lbs/cy Max lbs/delay = 18.4 lbs at Delays #6 & #7 (4 production holes each)

Modified Tunnel Blast 8-ft Round



68 - 1 1/4" x 16" Sticks of Power split or 26.5 lbs @ 0.39 lbs/stx

Powder Factor (139.3cf/ft @ 8-ft = 41.3cy/round) PF=(148.42 lbs/41.3cy) = 3.59 lbs/cy Max lbs/delay = 9.2 lbs at Delays #3 thru #11 (2 production holes each) FIGURE 7



PROJECT # **ROCK SOLID SOLUTIONS ROCK SOLID** SHEET MAYFLOWER DIVERSION TUNNEL AM PROJECT: NO. OF BUST VIBRATTONSE EVALUATION SUBJECT: CHECKED DATE 1-29-12 Berg 11 BY: PREPARED BY: LOHN SIKORA & TIFFANY BASED UPON THE BLASTING CONSTRUCTIBILITY REVIEWS I BLURIE WE SHOULD USK THE INDUSTRY STANGARD FOR VIERATION Limits ON THE MAYROWER DAM DIVERSION TUNNEL PROPER. IT APPEARS THAT THE STANDARD LEMITATIONS ARE NOT TOO RESTRICTION AND SHOULD BE WIDELY HECKPTED by Constructors, OWNERS AND Agencies. Safe Level Blasting Criteria USBM RI 8507 OSM REGULATIONS 10 100 Particle Velocity (mm/sec) ^Darticle Velocity (in/sec) 10 0.1 4 5 6 7 8 9 4 5 6 7 8 9 3 1 Frequency (Hz) MOSTOF OUR VIERATIONS SNOULD BE GREATER THAN 20 HZ FOR THIS PROLEGE AND CONSTRUCTION in CANARA





APPENDIX C

RECLAIM WATER SYSTEM AND SUPPLY CANAL NO. 2 DRAWINGS



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