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Sent: Tuesday, May 01, 2012 8:26 AM
To: Cazier, Tim
Cc: Keffelew, Berhan
Subject: Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine Expansion - Amendment 10
Attachments: Letter to Colorado Div of Mining Reclamation and Safety Apr 2012.doc; Sharrett Home Near CCV Expansion.ppt; 2 Oct 2011 Looking east at the house.JPG; View to the South from patio 2 Oct 2011.JPG; View from Driveway 2 Oct 2011.JPG

Dear sirs,

Attached is our letter requesting the State disapprove of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine's current request for expansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety,
1313 Sherman St, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203,

Dear Division of Mining,

This letter is our request that you deny the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine's (Anglo Ashanti Gold Corp) Request for Extension 2 (Amendment 10). The reason for our request is simple:

- The mine extension project will destroy the value of our home at 345 County Road 821, Cripple Creek, CO. Your approval of the extension project will result in bringing the mine's 24/7 operations to within 1600 feet of our house. Those operations include frequent blasting, stadium work lighting, machinery noise and the utter destruction of daytime and nighttime views of nearby historic hills and scenery. "Reclamation" will not occur until well after our lives end here.

We purchased our land here on Tenderfoot Hill in 2003. At the time, there were 3 parcels of land for sale here, all zoned by Teller County as R-1, Rural Residential. We built our home in 2005 – even well before approval of the previous mine extension in 2008.

We live here in Cripple Creek because we enjoy the community, the spectacular scenery and the peaceful serenity of the rural environment. This was our hope in 2005 when we built our house, anticipating retirement in 2013 after we have each served in and for the US military for nearly 40 years. We had no plans to move elsewhere because we wanted to and did make Cripple Creek our home. We shop here, worship here, actively participate in the local Gold Camp Victorian Society, and support several local charities and more. This is our home. Your approval of the mine's request will result in our home being practically uninhabitable when the mine's blasting and extension operations on nearby Globe and Gold hills and adjoining valley begins. That's a hard pill to swallow after anticipating a restful retirement to begin in about one year. Your approval would be a major disservice and disappointment to us.

If you must approve the mine's extension request, consider a small alternative to their plan. Enclosed is a page from the mine's on-line promotional presentation. Require the mine to delete the portion I circled on the overhead graphic. The circled portion will be closest to us. That area will be 1600 feet from our home. I'd venture a guess that 1600 feet is shorter than some of your driveways.

I also enclosed a few other photos showing some of the beautiful views that Cripple Creek residents and visitors enjoy. Your approval of CC&V's mine extension application will result in the destruction of the beautiful hills and trees that make up these views.

We appreciate the mine's facts about the viewshed reclamation and the Poverty Gulch Buffer Area. However, reclamation will require several tens of decades and will occur only after the utter destruction of this area's current natural beauty, wildlife areas and livability. Buy some land up here. Live up here. I believe you, like us, would be strongly opposed to the expansion.

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Enclosures

1. Amendment 10 graphic
2. photos from Sharrett home 345 County Rd 821
Cripple Creek, CO





Sharrett Home
– 1600 feet
from this
expansion area
in red.
Blasting, lights,
noise etc.
Recommend
not approving
the section/area
in the oval
outline.



