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Mr. Travis Marshall Grand Junction Field Office Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 101 South 3rd, Suite 301 Grand Junction, CO 81501 RECEIVED

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DIVISION OF RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

## Re: Natural Soda, Inc. Nahcolite Project Permit No. M-1983-194 Technical Revision No. 32, Plant Expansion.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Natural Soda Natural Soda, Inc. (NSI) is ready to begin construction of the plant expansion which was outlined in their approved 2010 Mine Plan. This expansion will increase the plant size by approximately 10,800 square feet. Reclamation cost associated with the plant expansion are anticipated to be approximately \$108,313.

Regarding the status of bond monies, please also be aware that NSI wishes to plug and abandon (P&A) up to 4 monitoring wells this year. NSI would like to retire these wells (94-1M, 4A-1V, 4A-5M and 88-1) due to the age of the wells and because Boies Bed mining in Mine Panel 1 ceased prior to 2005. The DRMS lists P&A reclamation costs (11/22/11) for these wells as approximately \$96,391. The net change to bond monies resulting from the plant expansion and the P&A of 4 wells would be a bond increase of approximately \$11,922.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me at (970) 254-1224 or (970) 216-1010 (c), or Bob Warneke at (970) 878-3674 x14.

Regards,

Gerald J. Daub, PG CPG President Daub & Associates, Inc.

Enc. Check in the amount of \$175.00

Cc: Bob Warneke Executive Director of Manufacturing Natural Soda, Inc.

> Paul Daggett Bureau of Land Management (WRFO)

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