

# STATE OF COLORADO

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Christy Woodward  
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Denver, CO 80265

Re: Van 4 Mine, Permit No. M-1997-032, Amendment AM-1, Approval of Environmental Protection Plan, and Notice of Financial Warranty Increase. (REVISED)

Dear Ms. Woodward,

On May 10, 2012 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety approved Amendment AM-1 to the Van 4 Mine 110d permit, which incorporates the Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) into the permit, as required by Hard Rock/Metal Rule 6.4.21.

The EPP includes requirements for the installation of a PVC ore pad liner, with said installation to occur prior to re-commencing mining operations. (This sentence is a revision of the original.)

As part of the approval to incorporate these significant changes into this permit under Amendment AM-1, the amount of financial warranty (bond) was reviewed. The existing amount of financial warranty is \$61,691. The Division's review of the reclamation costs reveals that the current bond amount is insufficient. The updated reclamation costs were estimated to be \$75,057. This is a shortage of \$13,366. The updated reclamation costs were in the packet sent previously.

Please consider this letter to be your Notice of Financial Warranty increase. The additional amount must be provided to the Division, in an approvable format, within 60 days from the date of my May 14, 2012 letter. The present bond is in the form of a corporate surety, whose amount may be modified by providing a rider to the surety. Please direct all questions or submittals pertaining to the bond to Ms. Barbara Coria in the Division's Denver Office (see address in letterhead, above). You may reach her by phone at 303-866-3567 ext 8148.

In accordance with the MOU between the Division and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the two agencies have coordinated on the updated permit plans, and the BLM has had opportunity to review the Division's updated reclamation cost estimate. Approval of the estimate has been received from the BLM.

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The Division appreciates the diligence and cooperation shown by Denison throughout this amendment process. If you have questions, please contact me at the Division's Durango Field Office: 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301; telephone 970-247-5193.

Sincerely,



Bob Oswald

Environmental Protection Specialist

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Cc: Robert Ernst, Montrose BLM

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