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Ina Finch
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Re: Indian Springs Ranch, LLP, Thorson Mine, File No. M-1981-020, Temporary Cessation Request

Dear Ms. Finch:

On May 15, 2013 the Division approved your request for Temporary Cessation status for the Thorson Mine.

Please be aware that Section 1.13.5(1)(a) of the Construction Materials Rules and Regulations and the Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rules and Regulations state that *"Initial period shall be the first five years of Temporary Cessation beginning with the 180 day period of production cessation."* Pursuant to your request, your **initial period of Temporary Cessation began March 1, 2013.**

Rules 1.13.8 and 1.13.9 state that:

1.13.8 A permit granted pursuant to Rules shall continue in effect as long as:

(a) the mining operation is resumed within five (5) years of the beginning of Temporary Cessation; or

(b) the Operator files a report requesting an extension of the period of Temporary Cessation with the Board stating the reasons for the continuation of those factors necessary to, and the plans for, resumption.

1.13.9 Ten Year Limitation for Temporary Cessation

In no case shall Temporary Cessation be continued for more than ten (10) years without terminating the mining operation and fully complying with the Reclamation and Environmental Protection Plan requirements of the Act and these Rules.

Should you need an extension to your initial period of Temporary Cessation, you will need to request the extension on, or before March 1, 2018. If you resume mining activities, please notify the Division within 30 days or start up. If you have any questions, please contact me (303-866-3567 ext. 8169).

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Cazier, P.E.
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