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RE: Hayden Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1987-164, Comments Regarding 112c Amendment Application (AM-2)

Dear Mr. Connell,

On August 5, 2013 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received comments regarding the above referenced application from the Division of Water Resources (DWR).

Please be advised of the jurisdictional issues presented by the DWR.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the DRMS Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,



Dustin Czaplá

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Enc: DWR Comments dated August 5, 2013



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Response to Reclamation Permit Application Consideration

TO: Dustin M, Czapl, Environmental Protection Specialist
CC: Division 6 Office; District 57 Water Commissioner
FROM: Ivan Franco, Water Resources Engineer HIF
DATE: August 5, 2013
RE: Camilletti Pit (AKA - Hayden Gravel Pit), File No. M-1987-164
Section 11, Twp 6 North, Rng 88 West, 6th P.M., Routt County
Operator: Connell Resources, Inc.
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CONDITIONS FOR APPROVAL

- ☒ The proposed operation does not anticipate exposing groundwater. Therefore, exposure of ground water must not occur during or after mining operations.
- ☐ The proposed operation will consume ground water by: ☐ evaporation, ☐ dust control, ☐ reclamation, ☐ water removed in the mined product, ☐ processing, ☐ other: ____.
Prior to initiation of these uses of ground water, the applicant will need to obtain either a gravel pit or other type of well permit, as applicable. However, prior to obtaining a permit, an approved water supply plan or decreed plan for augmentation is required in overappropriated areas. Currently this location is not considered overappropriated, however, if this area becomes overappropriated, augmentation will be required.
- ☐ Prior to approving a well permit, the applicant must conduct a field inspection of the site and document the locations of all wells within 600 feet of the permit area. The applicant must then obtain a waiver of objection from all well owners with wells within 600 feet of the permit area or request a hearing before the State Engineer.
- ☐ The proposed operation may have potential impact on existing water rights near the project location. Please provide evidence that the proposed project will not alter or impact the historic operation of existing water rights.
- ☒ The applicant has indicated plans to use other water for: ☒ uses at the permit site, ☐ storage in the excavated area(s), ☐ other: _____. The applicant will need to provide evidence to this office that the water is permitted or decreed for such uses.
- ☒ Other: If storm water is not diverted or captured in priority, Colorado Water Law requires it to be released, or replacement for evaporation will be required of the impounder/operator/owner of the gravel pit. Any exposed ground water must be backfilled immediately until a well permit issued pursuant to CRS 37-90-137(2), allowing the exposure of ground water in a pit, is obtained from the State Engineer.

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COMMENTS/NOTES: The SEO does not have a gravel pit permit on file within the permit boundaries. It appears this gravel pit does not encounter ground water. So long as the applicant obtains all water from a source that is legally available for their uses, this office has no objection to this application.

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