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NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF SPECIAL, EXCEPTIONAL, CRITICAL, OR UNIQUE LANDS

Notice is hereby given that Wharf Resources (USA) Inc., 10928 Wharf Road, Lead, South Dakota 57754, has submitted a Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The legal description of the proposed mine expansion project is portions of Sections 1, 2, 3, and 12, T4N-R2E; portions of Sections 6 and 7, T4N-R3E; and portions of Sections 33 and 36, T5N-R2E; Lawrence County. Wharf Resources has submitted the Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate for purposes of determining whether the lands potentially affected by the proposed mine expansion project are eligible for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands.

The proposed mine expansion involves mining for gold on land located approximately 3 miles west of Lead, South Dakota. Wharf Resources will affect approximately 430 acres during the 7 year life of the operation. The proposed project will involve open pit mining and the use of waste rock to backfill previously mined areas. Ore extracted from the expansion areas will be trucked to the existing permitted Wharf Mine heap leach facility for processing. Neutralized spent ore will be deposited in permitted facilities which may include the current American Eagle and Deep Portland pits. Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with the mining operation. The land will be reclaimed to woodland grazing, recreation, and residential and commercial development.

A copy of the Request may be reviewed at the Minerals and Mining Program, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota, at the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office in Deadwood, South Dakota, or on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mmy/wharpage.aspx>. Any citizen, organization, or agency may nominate lands described in this Request for Determination of Special, Exceptional, Critical, or Unique Lands and Notice of Intent to Operate for inclusion on the preliminary list of special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands by submitting a nominating petition to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources pursuant to the requirements of ARSD 74:29:10:16 no later than January 11, 2011. Persons desiring further information may contact Mike Cepak, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.

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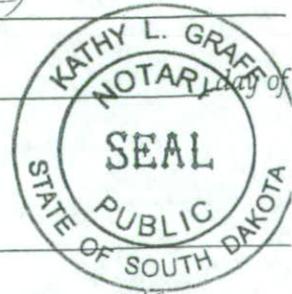
Patricia K. Van Patten

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th November, 2010.

Kathy L. Graff

Notary public.

April 29, 2016



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