

South Dakota Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
Attn: Mike Cepak - Minerals and Mining Program
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RECEIVED
OCT 14 2011
MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

RE: Wharf Expansion Project.

Dear Mr. Cepak:

I am writing to support the application of Wharf Resources to expand mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

Wharf is a conscientious operator and an excellent steward of the land as I see in my daily activities as the mine surveyor. As one of the individuals in the Engineering department, I too see, as well as take an active role, in all the hard work and effort that must go into acquiring the Wharf Expansion Permit from our perspective and the states as well. Mining at the Wharf Mine provides 150 high quality jobs for the area, as I stated one of which is my own. I see on a daily basis the commitment of all the Wharf employees to continue to improve and preserve our impact on the community, environmentally; economically; as well as personally. Approval of Wharf's Expansion Project will allow these jobs to continue for an additional 7 to 8 years. This will ensure that our families, friends and community members continue to benefit from all the positive things that Wharf has done for our community over the years. In addition, Wharf will continue to spend millions of dollars each year, the majority of this in Lawrence County and South Dakota, to purchase supplies and services for the Mine, which will stimulate and assist the growth of our community and local economy.

Wharf and its employees are also valuable community members and good neighbors. They support our schools, youth groups, law enforcement, and numerous community organizations and activities of which we all can benefit from. I urge you to approve Wharf's Expansion Project.

Sincerely,



Troy Andreson

Wharf Mine Surveyor

South Dakota Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources
Attn: Mike Cepak - Minerals and Mining Program
523 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RECEIVED
OCT 14 2011
MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

RE: Wharf Expansion Project.

Dear Mr. Cepak

I am writing to support the expansion of the mining operations at the Wharf Mine in Lawrence County.

I began my employ with the Wharf Mine in 1994, and consider myself very fortunate in that it has allowed me, as a single mother, to fully support myself and my three children. I have been able to purchase a home and raise my family here, in the beautiful Black Hills. Through Wharf, my children have always had health, dental and vision insurance giving me peace of mind and allowing them the best medical care when necessary.

Wharf has also shown great generosity to the community and to me personally. I participated in a breast cancer fundraiser in 2010, to which Wharf donated \$2000. My youngest son qualified for Nationals on the Lead/Deadwood Speech and Debate Team, held in Dallas, Texas. Wharf kindly gifted \$1000 to the two man team. My nephew was seriously injured in a fire in 2008, and Wharf, along with the great people that I work with donated \$3000 to help my bother with the astronomical expenses incurred.

The commitment to its employees, our families and our community make me proud to be considered a part of the Wharf team. Not expanding the Wharf Mine would have very negative consequences, not only to those employed through the company, but also to our immediate and expanded community.

I ask you to strongly consider the Wharf Expansion Project.

Sincerely,

Lisa White
809 Walsh Ave
Lead, SD 57754
(605)645-2822