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

September 6, 2011

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.

I've had the opportunity to work with Wharf Mine in various capacities. In my opinion, Wharf has been conscientious operator, an excellent steward of the land, and a good business neighbor. Though the past 20 years I have witnessed Wharf's diligence to develop and provide the Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District a safe reliable water system for the Terry Peak Development. When serious problems have risen with the water system, they have come to the aid of the district to find and correct problems.

Also, I have had the opportunity to work with Wharf as a business neighbor during the period of time that I managed Barefoot Resort as well as the years that I have been the Marketing Director at Terry Peak. As always they have exhibited a conscientious business partnership with their neighbors.

With Wharf's expansion plans the advantages to Terry Peak's future are unlimited. It could very well impel Terry Peak up to the next level to becoming an all-season resort and providing locals and visitors with vital outdoor recreation.

In addition to the above Wharf Mine provides 150 high quality jobs and will continue spending millions of dollars each year to purchase supplies and services for the Mine, with the majority being spent in Lawrence County and South Dakota,

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. Even today as I drove up the hill to work, Wharf employees were picking up the garbage along side the road. I've been meaning to get a group together to do that for years; Thank you Wharf!

I urge you to approve Wharf's Expansion Project.

Sincerely,
Linda Derosier



Executive Director of Terry Valley-Trojan Water Project District