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July 5, 2011

Mr. Eric Holm
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Office of Minerals and Mining
Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

Re: Wharf Resources Large Scale Mine Permit Application

Dear Mr. Holm:

Wharf Resources (USA), Inc. is submitting additional information in response to the South Dakota Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (SD DENR) review and comments made in an email addressed to Wharf and dated June 24, 2011. Remaining completeness comments are addressed in this letter and as applicable attachments. If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me at 605.584.4177.

Sincerely,

Ken Nelson
Operations Manager

Remaining Completeness Items

Item 2, page 3, Postclosure Plan – In Wharf's response, it refers to the bond calculation in Table 6-5 as the calculation for the postclosure bond. However, this is the calculation for the reclamation bond. The postclosure bond calculation currently covers a period of 50 years and covers mainly water treatment costs. Please submit an updated postclosure bond calculation that includes any changes to the current bond resulting from the proposed expansion project.

Refer to the June 17, 2011 submittal information, which has the updated bond for 30 years; per conversations during the 2011 DENR audit (June 29th & 30th) this will be sufficient.

Item 8, page 8, NRCS Approval of Soil Survey – Please submit a letter from the Lawrence County Conservation District approving the soil survey.

Attached.

Item 12, page 12, Disturbance Prior to 1971 – Please discuss any surface disturbance from previous mining operations in the expansion area prior to 1971.

Exhibit 31 shows the locations of known surface disturbance from previous mining operations in and adjacent to the Expansion Project. In Section 2, T4N, R2E, there are two adjacent sites (map no 1 and 3) that consist of fenced excavation areas. In Section 1, T4N, R2E, there is a cluster of four historic mine sites at Green Mountain (map no 2, 4, 5, and 11); these sites include two open vertical mine shafts, one horizontal mine adit, and an exposed excavation area. One site located on Bald Mountain (map no 6) is a closed vertical shaft. Near the Golden Reward process area (map no 10) a mine adit is visible at the surface. Also in Section 1, a closed vertical shaft is located just west of the Harmony highwall (map no 7). Two historic mine sites are present in Section 12, T4N, R2E. The site located south of the red ski runs consists of a short open tunnel (map no 9). An additional site is located along the southwest edge of Golden Reward and consists of a fenced out area (map no 8).

Also, refer to the archaeological baseline reports (Appendix 12) which includes historic surface disturbance.

Item 14, page 14, Instruments of Consultation – Please submit instruments of consultation with the BLM and DOT which contains written confirmation of operating and reclamation plans.

The BLM has received a complete copy of the permit application report as evidenced by the proof of submission form and mail receipt submitted in Appendix 1; additionally, letters from the BLM approving the seed mix and reclamation options have been submitted.

The reclamation plan and highway relocation plans were submitted to the SD DOT and approval of the reclamation options is provided from the DOT in a letter dated March 7, 2011 (provided in Appendix 1).

Item 17 (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e), page 16, Grading Plan; Item 26, page 22, Postmine Contour Map; Item 31, page 24, Reclamation Plan Details; Item 41, pages 29 – 30, Industrial Land Use; and Item 42, pages 30 - 31, Homesite Reclamation – Rangeland is not the primary and only postmine land use. Wharf has also proposed recreation, home sites and industrial (commercial development) postmine land uses as shown on Exhibit 23. Rangeland is actually only an alternative or secondary land use for the home site and industrial land uses. In addition, there are no alternative land uses for the recreation post mine land use. If Wharf proposes to reclaim areas of the proposed expansion area to recreation, it must be reclaimed to recreation uses such as enhancements to the Terry Peak Ski area and not rangeland.

In addition, the regulations for recreation, industrial, and home sites (ARSD 74:29:07:23, 74:29:07:24, and 74:29:07:25) require the applicant (Wharf) and not future developers to address the requirements in these regulations for each postmine land use. In addition, for the recreation postmine land use, Lawrence County is requiring Wharf (and not developers) through conditions to the conditional use permits to lengthen ski runs and improve ski area facilities during reclamation of the expansion area. In fact, during recent discussions with Amber Vogt of Lawrence County, she said the enhancement of the ski area was a major part of the approved conditional use permit and needs to be part of our approval of the mine permit application.

Therefore, for the final grading plan required in section 1 of ARSD 74:29:07:04 Wharf needs to address the following:

Recreation – Describe how the final slopes in and around the Golden Reward Mine will be visually and functionally compatible with the Terry Peak Ski area, how the graded slopes will be suitable for extending the current ski runs, how the graded slopes will be suitable for other recreational aspects identified in the reclamation plan such as sledding, snowmobiling, and hiking, and if the slopes will be stable or exceed the angle of repose.

The Harmony and Liberty highwalls at Golden Reward that are planned to be mined will be reclaimed and sloped in a manner so that existing ski runs will tie in with the new reclamation and will give the opportunity to lengthen the existing runs if Black Hills Chairlift desires to do so. In addition it will give rise for the opportunity for Black Hills Chairlift to add sled runs, snow mobile trails and hiking trails if desired.

The final reclamation in and around the ski area for recreation can be viewed within the Visual Assessment video that is included within the material submitted with the large-scale mining permit (LSMP) application (Appendix 14).

The land designated for Recreation will be reclaimed so that it meets the needs for future recreation development with Black Hills Chair Lift Company (Terry Peak Ski Area) and if needed will meet the rangeland criteria to fall back on if needed.

Also refer to Section 6.2 Post-mining Land Use Plan, and comments 30, 31, 41 - 43 of the additional information submitted June 17, 2011 concerning Procedural Completeness Issues.

Home Sites – Describe how the final slopes will be visually and functionally compatible with the surrounding area, how the graded slopes will be suitable for home construction, and if the slopes will be stable or exceed the angle of repose.

The land will be reclaimed so that it is suitable for Home Sites, with slopes or relatively level ground that will give the opportunity to build on or tie in with land that was previous undisturbed that is fitting for such development. Development on reclaimed slopes or land will require the appropriate evaluation and construction requirements prior to building suitable to these areas.

The land designated for Home Sites will be reclaimed so that it meets the needs for future development and the land is reclaimed as rangeland until development of the areas proceeds forward. The rangeland reclamation is suitable for all postmine land uses in that it ensures the area is stabilized and in accordance with all pertinent SDCLs. This reclamation will allow the future postmine land use to develop and/or expand these areas for future needs as best realized at the time and speculated during the current time.

Also refer to Section 6.2 Post-mining Land Use Plan, and comments 30, 31, 41 - 43 of the additional information submitted June 17, 2011 concerning Procedural Completeness Issues. The final reclamation can be viewed within the Visual Assessment video that is included within the material submitted with the LSMP (Appendix 14).

Industrial (Commercial Development) – Describe how the final slopes will be visually and functionally compatible with the surrounding area, how the graded slopes will be suitable for condominium, ski lodge, and other development, and if the slopes will be stable or exceed the angle of repose.

The land will be reclaimed so that it is suitable for Industrial (Commercial Development), with slopes or relatively level ground that will give the opportunity to build on or tie in with land that was previous undisturbed that is fitting for such development. Development on reclaimed slopes or land will require the appropriate evaluation and construction requirements prior to building suitable to these areas.

The land designated for such will be reclaimed so that it meets the needs for future development and the land is reclaimed as rangeland until development of the areas proceeds forward. The rangeland reclamation is suitable for all postmine land uses in that it ensures the area is stabilized and in accordance with all pertinent SDCLs. This reclamation will allow the future postmine land use to develop and/or expand these areas for future needs as best realized at the time and speculated during the current time.

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Also, regarding the postmine contour map, to give the Board and the public an idea of what Wharf is proposing, Wharf must show at a minimum any conceptual enhancements to the ski area such as extensions to the ski runs and modifications of the Empress (Red) Chairlift, and potential locations of lodges, condominiums, and home sites.

Refer to the Visual Assessment Video submitted with the LSMP application (Appendix 14) concerning improvements to the ski area due to post mine reclamation.

As agreed upon in conversation with the SD DENR, Wharf will not submit any postmine conceptual development plans concerning Home and Industrial development. This is so not to miss-lead the public; the future development of these areas will be dependent upon the time and needs of this area and what is economical at that time. As stated the alternative reclamation postmine land use is rangeland.

In addressing ARSD 74:29:07:01, Wharf needs to provide more details on how the reclamation plan rehabilitates land with respect to the recreation, home site, and industrial (commercial development) postmine land uses. Finally, for the home site and industrial land uses, Wharf needs to address how traffic will be controlled.

Refer to previous questions and to Section 6.2 Post-mining Land Use Plan, and comments 30, 31, 41 - 43 of the additional information submitted June 17, 2011 concerning Procedural Completeness Issues.

It should be noted for the postmining land uses of recreation, industrial and homesites, reclamation is considered complete as follows:

- a. Reclamation to a recreation (ARSD 74:29:07:23(2)) land use is considered complete when it is demonstrated that the type of recreation has been established and all other requirements of the reclamation plan have been met;



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- b. Reclamation to an industrial (ARSD 74:29:07:24(4)) land use is considered complete when a vegetative cover sufficient to control erosion has been established over all affected land not being developed for industrial use and the incoming industry has firmly established itself at the site (unless the alternative postmining land use reclamation plan is implemented); and
- c. Reclamation to a homesite (ARSD 74:29:07:24(4)) land use is considered complete when a vegetative cover sufficient to control erosion has been established over all affected land not presently being developed for homesites and at least 25 percent of the land designated for homesite development is developed or in the process of being developed for homesites (unless the alternative postmining land use reclamation plan is implemented).

Wharf Resources understands these rules concerning final reclamation criteria.

Item 19, page 17, Seed Mix Consultation – Please submit letters from the BLM and the US Forest Service stating these agencies are in agreement with the proposed seed mix.

A letter from the BLM dated June 20, 2011 giving approval of the seed mix has been forwarded to the DENR (and included in Appendix 16). A letter from the USFS dated April 15, 2011, stating their review and acceptance of the reclamation plan (which includes seed mixes and reclamation options) has been submitted to the DENR (and included in Appendix 1). Note, there is no USFS land within the disturbance boundary and no seed mix approval is required.

Item 22, page 21, Terry Cemetery Highwall Stability – Even though little or no backfill in the Terry Cemetery buttress will be removed during mining, will the new pit near the southwest corner of the cemetery create any stability issues considering the past history of mining in this area, and should a stability analysis be conducted?

No stability issues have been identified for the wall along the southern edge of the cemetery. Refer to the June 17, 2011 additional information submitted.

Item 24, page 21, Reclamation Acreage Credit – SDCL 45-6B-83.2 has not been repealed and needs to be address as a completeness item. It also needs to be added back into Table 1-1.

South Dakota Codified Laws 45-6B-82 to 45-6B-85 were repealed by the State Legislature in 2005, ch 237, §§ 1 to 6. Verification that it was repealed has been given by DENR.

Item 30, page 23, Financial Capability to Complete Reclamation – Please address how Wharf has the financial capability to complete the reclamation outlined in the mine permit application.

Wharf Resources (Goldcorp) is fully bonded and has letters of credit with the state of South Dakota to assure full reclamation costs will be covered and are updated annually to correctly reflect the required costs to do so. In addition, Wharf Resources practices concurrent reclamation



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which limits the amount of final reclamation required at mine closure, and is a positive cash-flow profit business on a monthly and yearly basis.

Item 44, page 32, Table 1-1 – ASRD 74:29:07:27 needs to be added back into the completeness list in table 1-1. Even though no impoundments will be constructed, it is still a completeness item that has been addressed.

The updated Table 1-2 has been included.

Please submit proof of filing with the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office.

A copy is included.

Please address whether Wharf wants to change the postmine land use (wildlife habitat) of the undisturbed areas of the Golden Reward Mine as part of this mine permit application.

Wharf Resources will keep the current postmine land use of wildlife habitat for areas that are not included in the new permit boundary.

Table 1-2. Administrative Rules of South Dakota (Page 1 of 4) MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

Regulation	Information Required	Permit Application Reference
ARSD 74:29:01:03	Presubmission meeting	December 21, 2010
ARSD 74:29:01:04	Proof of submission of application to Register of Deeds, SD DENR, Game, Fish and Parks (GF&P), Department of Agriculture, Department of Education and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of Health	Appendix 1, proof of submission will be forwarded upon receipt
ARSD 74:29:01:17	Permit area boundaries	Exhibit 3 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:01:17 (1)	County Cooperational Use Permit (CUP) area boundary	Exhibit 3 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:01:17 (2)	Legal right to mine	Section 2.2
ARSD 74:29:01:17 (3)	Location of permit boundary in relation to scenic and unique land	Section 2.3, Exhibit 3 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:01:17 (4)	Ratio of proposed permit area to affected land	Chapter 2.0
ARSD 74:29:02:02	Local zoning requirements	Section 2.1
ARSD 74:29:02:03	Surface and mineral owners	Section 2.2, Exhibit 3 in Appendix 2, Appendix 3
ARSD 74:29:02:04	Mining and milling methods	Sections 5.2 through 5.3.4, 5.5, 5.6
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (1)	Mining and milling methods	Sections 5.2 through 5.3.4, 5.5, 5.6
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (2)	Description and maps of premining and postmining contours	Sections 5.3 and 5.4; Exhibits 2 and 23 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (3)	Description of proposed depth and direction of mining and representative cross sections	Section 5.3.4, Exhibits 23 through 26
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (4)	Map of proposed spent ore disposal, waste facilities, ore stockpiles, and other mine spoil	Exhibits 2 and 21 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (5)	Stability analysis for all critical earth structures	Sections 5.2 and 6.7.1
ARSD 74:29:02:04 (6)	Description of proposed blast procedures and mitigation program for fugitive dust, noise, and potential structural or stability damage outside the permit area	Sections 3.10.2 and 3.10.3, Exhibit 19 in Appendix 2, Appendix 13
ARSD 74:29:02:05	Timetable with narrative description of existing plans for future exploration and mining in the area of the proposed operation	Section 3.1.2, Table 6-4

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ARSD 74:29:02:06	Historic or archaeological significance	Section 3.9
ARSD 74:29:02:07	Water-quality and water-level data	Sections 3.3 and 3.4, Appendices 6 and 7
ARSD 74:29:02:08	Reclamation costs	Section 6.10.1 (confidential) and Table 6-5
ARSD 74:29:02:09	Permit area boundary—map requirements	Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:10	Revegetation	Section 6.5
ARSD 74:29:02:11	Effect on hydrologic balance on surface and groundwater	Sections 3.3 and 3.4, Appendices 6 and 7
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (1)	Baseline surface and groundwater reports	Appendices 6 and 7
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (2)	Representative geologic cross sections	Exhibits 5 through 7 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (3)	Surface water inventory map	Appendix 6 (Figure 2-2) and Appendix 7 (Figure 2-1 and plate in Appendix H)
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (4)	Well location inventory map	Appendix 6 (Plate 1)
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (5)	Potentiometric surface map	Exhibit 20 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (6)	Geochemical characterization of ore and waste rock	Section 3.1.3, Appendix 4
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (7)	Surface and groundwater monitoring plan for life of mine	Sections 3.3.1 and 3.4.1
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (8)	Meteorologic monitoring plan	Section 3.5.6
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (9)	Drainage, erosion, and sedimentation control plan	Section 5.3.5, Exhibit 28 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (10)	Chemicals in the milling process – proposed methods to monitor and collect leaks and spills and a spill contingency plan	Sections 5.4 and 5.6, Appendix 17
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (11)	Estimate of project water requirements	Section 5.7
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (12)	Chemical characteristics of process solutions	Section 5.6
ARSD 74:29:02:11 (13)	Pollution control facilities	Section 5.3.5, Exhibit 28 in Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:02:12	Map requirements for large-scale mining operations	Appendix 2
ARSD 74:29:05:01	Reclamation of millsites	Section 5.2
ARSD 74:29:05:02	Choice of reclamation	Section 5.4 and Chapter 6.0
ARSD 74:29:05:03	Process pond reclamation	Section 5.2
ARSD 74:29:05:04	Removal of equipment and buildings	Section 6.7.3
ARSD 74:29:05:05 (1–6)	Reclamation of tailings impoundments	Section 5.4

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Regulation	Information Required	Permit Application Reference
ARSD 74:29:05:06	Treatment of tailings	Section 5.4
ARSD 74:29:06:02	Determination of reclamation type	Section 6.2
ARSD 74:29:07:01	General requirements for all reclamation types	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:02	Minimizing of adverse impacts	See below
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (1)	Design of facilities to minimize surface disturbance	Section 5.5
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (2)	Clearing of land in small sections	Section 5.3.2
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (3)	Visual screening	Section 3.11.1
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (4)	Minimize impacts to surface and groundwater	Sections 3.3.4, 3.4.3, 3.4.4, and 5.3.5
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (5)	Control of access	Section 5.3.1
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (6)	Preventative measures to minimize harmful impacts to wildlife	Section 3.7.6
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (7)	Location of waste facilities, spoil piles, and topsoil stockpiles to facilitate implementation of reclamation and to minimize environmental impacts	Section 5.3.3, Exhibit 21
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (8)	Minimizing the production of mine waste and spoil	Section 5.2
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (9)	Design and location of facilities so they are compatible with surrounding land uses (i.e., waste facility and haul road)	Section 6.2
ARSD 74:29:07:02 (10)	Integration of mine operations planning with the Reclamation Plan	Section 6.7, Table 6-4
ARSD 74:29:07:03	Grading and backfilling—necessity	Section 6.7.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04	Grading and backfilling—criteria	Section 6.7.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (1a–1d)	Grading and backfilling requirements	Sections 6.2.1 and 6.7.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (2)	Detailed plans—erosion control	Sections 5.3.5 and 6.2.1, Exhibits 28 and 29
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (3)	Time table—grading and backfilling	Section 6.2.1 and Table 6-4
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (4)	Depressions for accumulation of water	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (5)	Original drainage preserved as much as possible	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (6)	Highwall reduction impractical	Section 6.7.1
ARSD 74:29:07:04 (7)	Minimize negative visual impacts	Section 3.11.1
ARSD 74:29:07:05	Disposal of refuse	Sections 6.2.1 and 6.6
ARSD 74:29:07:06 (1)	Vegetative species and composition—postmining land use	Section 6.5, Tables 6-2 and 6-3
ARSD 74:29:07:06 (2)	Vegetative success—reference areas	Section 6.9.1
ARSD 74:29:07:06 (2)	Vegetative success—reference areas	Section 6.9.1

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ARSD 74:29:07:06 (4)	Seeding and planting	Section 6.5
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (1)	Salvageable topsoil	Section 5.3.3
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (2)	Interim reclamation	Sections 5.3.3 and 6.3
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (4)	Signing of topsoil stockpiles	Section 5.3.3
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (5)	Estimate of topsoil to complete reclamation	Section 5.3.3
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (7)	Separation of rocks and trees from topsoil	Section 5.3.3
ARSD 74:29:07:07 (8a)	Segregation of topsoil and subsoil stockpiles	Section 5.3.3
ARSD 74:29:07:08	Hydrologic balance—water quality	Sections 3.3.2, 3.4.2, 3.4.4, and 5.3.5
ARSD 74:29:07:09	Surface runoff diversions	Sections 3.4.4 and 5.3.5, Exhibits 28 and 29
ARSD 74:29:07:10	Diversions of intermittent and perennial streams	Section 5.3.5
ARSD 74:29:07:11	Tailings impoundments	Section 5.4
ARSD 74:29:07:12	Roads and railroad spurs—riparian zones	Section 5.3.5
ARSD 74:29:07:13	Buildings and structures	Section 6.7.3
ARSD 74:29:07:14 (1)	Spoil location	Section 6.2.1 and Exhibits 2, 21, and 28
ARSD 74:29:07:14 (2)	Stability analysis of spoil	Section 5.2
ARSD 74:29:07:14 (3 and 4)	Potential toxic or acid-forming spoil	Sections 3.1.3.7, 3.3.4, and 3.4.3
ARSD 74:29:07:15	Noxious weed control plan	Section 6.6
ARSD 74:29:07:16	Subsidence from mining activities—prevent or minimize	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:17	Underground mines—sealed during reclamation	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:18	Reclamation plan developed by competent individuals	Section 6.1
ARSD 74:29:07:20	Rangeland	Section 6.2.2.1
ARSD 74:29:07:23	Recreation	Section 6.2.2.2
ARSD 74:29:07:24	Industrial use	Section 6.2.2.3
ARSD 74:29:07:25	Home sites	Section 6.2.2.4
ARSD 74:29:07:27	Permanent surface impoundment	Section 6.2.1
ARSD 74:29:08:01	Requirements for concurrent reclamation	Sections 5.3.4 and 6.1, Table 6-4
ARSD 74:29:08:02	Requirements for interim reclamation	Sections 5.3.3, 6.3, 6.5.1, Table 6-1
ARSD 74:29:08:03	Requirements for final reclamation	Sections 6.0, 6.5.2, 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9, Table 6-1
ARSD 74:29:10	Special, exceptional, critical, or unique lands	Section 2.3, Appendix 3

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In accordance with ARSD 74:29:01:04, this document serves as verification that the Lawrence County Conservation District has received a copy of Wharf Resource's Mine Permit Application for the Expansion Project, Revision 1.

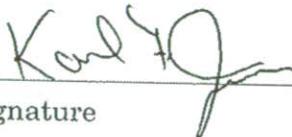


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SOIL SURVEY

The Lawrence County Conservation District has been consulted regarding the soil survey of the affected land at the Wharf Resources' Expansion Project.



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Keri Padell, deputy

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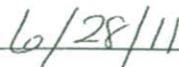
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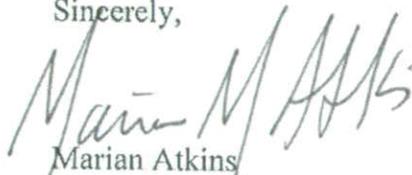
Mr. Ron Waterland
Wharf Resources
10928 Wharf Road
Lead, SD 57754

Dear Mr. Waterland:

This is in response to your letter of April 8, 2011. Due to the limited area of BLM surface lands on these claims, the reclamation seed mix that you have proposed for both the nurse crop and the reclamation species is acceptable.

Any surface disturbing actions would need to be reviewed by the South Dakota Field Office regarding conformance with the South Dakota Resource Management Plan and federal mining law requirements.

Sincerely,


Marian Atkins
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From: Gary.Engel@state.sd.us
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 7:21 AM
To: Ron Waterland
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Subject: FW: SEED MIXTURE FOR RECLAMATION PROJECT

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From: Ryan, Steve
Sent: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 6:30 AM
To: Engel, Gary
Cc: Ryan, Steve
Subject: SEED MIXTURE FOR RECLAMATION PROJECT

Gary,

Karen Olson asked me to take a look at the seed mixture that Ron Waterland of Wharf Resources sent to you for use on a reclamation project on SD Highway 473. The seed mixture is similar to what we have seen for other reclamation projects of this type and is allowable for this project also.

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Sent: Friday, June 24, 2011 1:03 PM
To: Ron Waterland
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Subject: RE: SEED MIXTURE FOR RECLAMATION PROJECT

Can you print this email off and make sure it gets to the Register of Deeds office. Also, it would help if you could send this with the other letters when they are ready to send. Thanks

From: Ron Waterland [mailto:ron.waterland@goldcorp.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2011 9:32 AM
To: Holm, Eric
Cc: Ken Nelson; Crystal M. Hocking; goldcorp.com, bill.shand
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Hi Eric,
Here is the correspondence from DOT.
Ron

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From: Ryan, Steve
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Gary,

Karen Olson asked me to take a look at the seed mixture that Ron Waterland of Wharf Resources sent to you for use on a reclamation project on SD Highway 473. The seed mixture is similar to what we have seen for other reclamation projects of this type and is allowable for this project also.

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