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July 18, 2011

Mr. Mike Cepak
DENR – Mining & Minerals
Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-3181

RE: Time extension for DENR Staff review of Wharf's completed application for the Wharf Expansion Project deemed complete on July 18, 201.

Dear Mike:

In order to provide for timely state review of the technical contents and issue the department's recommendations, Wharf agrees to a time extension beyond the ninety days allowed by SDCL 45-6B-30 to set the Board of Minerals and Environment hearing date. The time extension is not to exceed an additional forty-five days. This should allow the department adequate time to review the technical aspects of the application and make recommendations within the 30 days before a scheduled hearing in November before November 30, 2011.

We are concerned that the Board will have adequate time to complete a site inspection before significant snowfall. Therefore, if that can be scheduled for sometime before the end of October we can avoid further requests for additional time extensions.

Please contact me at 605-584-4155 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Ronald A. Waterland
Environmental Manager
Wharf Resources

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Ken Nelson