

LAC Minerals (USA) LLC

Richmond Hill Mine



LAC

11457 Bobtail Gulch Street
Central City, SD 57754

May 28, 2015

Mr. Rexford Hagg, Chairman
South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment
c/o Mr. Mike Cepak, P.E.
South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources
523 East Capital/Joe Foss Building
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3181

RECEIVED
JUN 02 2015
MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

Re: Request to Board of Mineral and Environment to Extend Reclamation Period, Surface Mine Permit No. 445, Richmond Hill Mine, Lead, South Dakota

Dear Mr. Hagg:

Pursuant to SDCL 45-6B-46, LAC Minerals (USA) LLC is hereby submitting this request to the South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment to extend the reclamation period for the Richmond Hill Mine for five years from the date of this request. This extension is necessary as some reclamation activities at the site were temporarily deferred while long-term water management strategies were being developed for the site.

Reclamation at the site has largely been completed and most areas of the site currently meet the designated post-mining land use as wildlife habitat. LAC Minerals is concurrently submitting with this letter, a comprehensive package containing copies of the following documents for the Board's approval:

- Petition for Release of Reclamation Obligations for Permits Surface Mine Permits Nos. 445 and 460;
- Postclosure Plan and Financial Assurance cost estimate;
- Updated Reclamation Plan for Surface Mine Permits 445 and 460; and
- Request to Board of Mineral and Environment to Retain Water Management Facilities and Access Roads, Surface Mine Permit No. 445, Richmond Hill Mine, Lead, South Dakota.

Mr. Rexford Hagg, Chairman
South Dakota Board of Minerals and Environment
May 28, 2015
Page 2

Please contact me at (605) 722-4875 should you have any questions or need further information pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,



Todd A. Duex
Closure Manager
LAC Minerals (USA) LLC
11457 Bobtail Gulch Street
Central City, SD 57754

cc: Mark Tieszen, LAC Minerals (USA) LLC
Mr. Mike Cepak, DENR