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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

April 15, 2014

Don Coram
Gold Eagle Mining, Inc.
PO Box 3007
Montrose, CO 81402

Re: Reclamation Compliance Deadline Approaching
Permit Nos. M-1977-248, M-1977-297, M-1978-311, and M-1978-342

Dear Mr. Coram,

As you are aware, Gold Eagle Mining, Inc. (GEMI) and the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) established a May 31, 2014 compliance deadline for completing the required final reclamation of the four mines for which GEMI is the permittee: C-JD-5 Mine, Burros Mine, Ellison Mine and Hawkeye Mine, permit numbers are referenced above.

In December of 2013, the Division approved a technical revision for each permit that revised the mine's reclamation plan. As noted in the Division's approval letters, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is the primary oversight agency for each of the four mines, and GEMI must submit the Division-approved reclamation plans to DOE for approval. Based on correspondence dated September 26, 2013, from DOE received by the Division, the Division understands that GEMI submitted the technical revisions to DOE for approval. DOE's letter also stated that the federal District Court issued an injunction enjoining DOE from approving any activities, including reclamation.

At this time, the Division has not received notification that DOE has approved the reclamation plans; that GEMI has commenced reclamation; or that the District Court dissolved the injunction. Under these circumstances, the Division is concerned that GEMI will be unable to complete reclamation of the four mines by the agreed-upon May 31, 2014 deadline. If GEMI anticipates it cannot comply with the May 31, 2014 deadline, GEMI may file a Petition for Declaratory Order requesting a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) to extend the deadline. Hard Rock Rule 2.5.2 contains the procedures for requesting a declaratory order, including the deadline to submit a petition prior to the Board hearing. The Board considers such petitions during its regular monthly meetings. The next Board meeting, with sufficient time to submit a petition and have a hearing prior to the compliance deadline, is May 21-22, 2014.

Failure to complete reclamation or obtain an extension from the Board before May 31, 2014, may result in the Division bringing the possible violation before the Board for a formal hearing regarding GEMI's noncompliance.



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If there are questions, please contact me at the Division's Durango Field Office: telephone 970-247-5193, or by e-mail at bob.oswald@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Oswald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bob" and last name "Oswald" clearly distinguishable.

Bob Oswald

Environmental Protection Specialist

Ec: Russ Means, DRMS, Grand Junction
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