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Subject: Division's request to include in the MRP the updated list of Corporate Officers and Control information previously submitted in the Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 Mines 2010 Annual Report

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Recently we received a letter from your office requesting that we submit the annual corporate officers and control information for the Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 Mines for inclusion into the MRP. This information had been previously submitted to the Division in the 2010 Annual Report for the mine. The information submitted in the annual report was current as of March 2011.

The request to include this information in the MRP is somewhat confusing as several years ago the operators and Division agreed this information was best included in the annual report rather than the MRP. The intent of submitting the corporate information in the annual report was to avoid multiple submittals of information to the Division that resulted in needless wasting of the Division's and operators resources, avoid creating two documents (the annual report and MRP) that were assumed to contain the same information but through the year might not as a result of modifications to the MRP, and to have a single easily accessible document that contained critical annually updated information in one location – such as the corporate officer listings, current subsidence maps, projected mining, inspection reports, etc.

If it is no longer the intent of the Division to require the updated list of corporate officer and control information in the Annual Report but rather include it in an annual update of the MRP, please let me know so that we can make this adjustment. If this is the case, we request a two week extension to the August 1, 2011 deadline for submittal of a modification to the permit to update the corporate information.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please give me a call at (970) 261-1425.

Sincerely,

Chris D. Hansen

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