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Attn: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig

Re: Gob Gas Vent Hole

Dear Ms. Littig,

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Pam, Wayne Giverson,
Priscilla, Jerriann,*

ANDALEX Resources Inc. (ARI) hereby respectfully requests that a portion of the Gob Gas Vent Hole drilling program, recently submitted to the Division for approval, be reviewed as an emergency permitting action . This request is a result of a recent change in our ability to mine the remainder of Longwall Panel No. 6 (see attached map). Specifically, ARI had been operating under an agreement with the regulatory authority by which we would be allowed to safely recover Panel No. 6, under certain conditions, with the understanding that the proposed Gob Gas Vent Holes would be installed in subsequent longwall panels later this year and in the future. These conditions have now been changed by the regulatory authority, which means that ARI will not be able to economically operate on Panel No. 6 until a Gob Gas Vent Hole is installed. This will result in the idling of the Aberdeen Mine longwall and lay-off of personnel until the new conditions can be met by utilizing the Vent hole.

It is important to emphasize that this condition was clearly not expected by ARI and that ARI had no control over this change. ARI has only one option to correct this situation in order to satisfy these new ventilation requirements; that is to immediately install one Gob Gas Vent hole down to Panel No.6.

The proposed Vent Hole (GVH #1) will result in negligible impacts, as ARI will use existing roads to set up this drill site. The roads which are currently in place, which have been in place since prior to the implementation of SMCRA, will require minimal upgrade to access the drill site. The drill site itself will be kept to an absolute minimum and ARI will apply all of its expertise in order to minimize any adverse impacts (see attached figures).

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ARI is aware that it will be operating this drilling project in adverse winter conditions and will be required to conduct snow removal operations and so on. All companies and their respective personnel involved will be advised as to the requirement for absolutely minimizing the "footprint" necessary for this emergency plan.

ARI appreciates the Division's understanding of this unusual situation and we are confident that the Division will assist ANDALEX in completing this emergency permitting action in order to avoid even temporary mine closure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael W. Glasson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Michael W. Glasson, P.G.
Senior Geologist