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Division Order

Re: DO00A-4 Response to TA of Oct 9, 2001, WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, ACT/007/041.

Dear Sirs:

WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc. is submitting a permit change application covering our response to the above TA.

Please call if you have any questions or problems.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Michael W. Glasson

Michael W. Glasson
Resident Agent

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OIL, GAS AND MINING

Response to the October 9, 2001 Technical Review

Deficiency **R645-301-222** of page 7: Rubbleland or talus slopes are no longer being considered for the reclamation plan since no rubbleland or talus slopes exist within the reclamation area. Appendix 5-9 has been revised entirely thus omitting this deficiency.

Deficiency **R645-301-230** of page 10: The map 2-2 has been changed to show the three sample sites on the map and in the legend. Map 2-4 now shows the actual volumes of soil stored in the topsoil storage area.

Deficiency **R645-301-321.100** of page 5: Talus slopes are no longer being considered for the reclamation plan since no talus slopes exist within the reclamation area. The revegetation plan has been revised entirely.

Deficiency **R645-301-341** of page 33: Talus slopes are no longer being considered for the reclamation plan since no talus slopes exist within the reclamation area. The revegetation plan has been revised entirely.

Deficiency #1 **R645-301-542.200** of page 29: Please refer to the newly revised Addendum to Appendix 5-9 which is so substantially changed that responses to items one thru eight are generally not necessary.

Deficiency #2 **R645-301-553.120** of page 29: The entire highwall will be eliminated by the proposed reclamation plan.

Deficiency #3 **R645-301-553.130** of page 29: The revised slope stability study covers the worst-case scenario.

Deficiency #4 **R645-301-830.140** of page 29: The newly revised Addendum to Appendix 5-9 shows that existing and available material from the pad is stable. The earthwork volumes provided in the reclamation plan apply for this material.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permit Change	<input type="checkbox"/> New Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/> Transfer	<input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	<input type="checkbox"/> Bond Release	Permit Number: C/007/041
Title of Proposal: Response to 10/9/01 Technical Review (DO00A-4)						Mine: WEST RIDGE
						Permittee: WEST RIDGE Resources, Inc.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement: **Deficiency Response with Revised Stability Study**

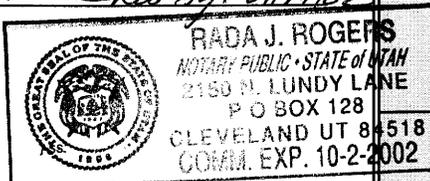
Instructions: *If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? _____ acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input type="checkbox"/> decrease.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings and obligations, herein. (R646-301-123)

Signed: Michael W. Evans Res. Mg. 01/16/02
 Signed - Name - Position - Date
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Jan, 2002.
Rada J. Rogers
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 11/01/09, 2002
 Attest: STATE OF UTAH
 COUNTY OF Carbon



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