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Dana Dean
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Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah

Re: Notice of Temporary Cessation

Dear Associate Director Dean:

This letter serves as notice pursuant to R645-301-515.320 of temporary cessation of mining activities at the West Ridge Mine, Permit No. C/0007/0041. The portals have been temporarily sealed in accordance with 30 CFR Part 75.1711 and the pumps were shut down due to current market conditions. West Ridge Resources, Inc. has now determined that operations will be shut down for more than 30 days. Tonnage remains in place to mine by room and pillar method if market economics improve.

Pursuant to R645-301-515.321, we provide the following:

1. A statement of the exact number of surface acres and the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface strata remaining in the permit area prior to cessation.

Disturbed Surface Area = 1,298,853 s.f. (29.82 Acres) – See Plate 5-5 of the MRP

Permit Horizontal Extents = 4.1 miles (East to West) and 4.8 Miles (North to South) – See Plate 1-0 of the MRP

Permit Vertical Extents (subsurface) = 7,680' at the Outcrop to 4,900' Elevation at the lowest corner of the Permit Area – See Plates 6-1A and 6-2

Mine Workings Horizontal Extents (subsurface) = 3.7 miles (East to West) and 3.7 miles (North to South) – See Plate 5-4A

Mine Workings Vertical Extents (subsurface) = 7,445' to 5,245' Elevation at the lowest point within the mine workings – See Plates 6-1A and 6-2

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The latest approved BLM Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R₂P₂) Amendment is attached. This R₂P₂ has been stamped "confidential" and we request that it remain exempt from release under the Government Records Access Management Act ("GRAMA").

2. The extent and kind of reclamation of surface area which will have been accomplished.

No reclamation of the surface area has been completed at this time.

3. Identification of the backfilling, regrading, revegetation, environmental monitoring, underground opening closures and water treatment activities that will continue during the temporary cessation.

The portals have been temporarily sealed with solid concrete block seals. A copy of the sealing plan of the portals is attached. This plan was filed with the BLM, is stamped "confidential," and we request that this plan and the R₂P₂ remain confidential and exempt from release under GRAMA.

West Ridge Resources, Inc. will continue all of its water monitoring and subsidence measurements according to the MRP for the duration of the temporary cessation.

Please let me know if you have further questions regarding this matter

Sincerely,



David Hibbs

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Enclosures