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Re: Tailings Pond Permitting, CS Mining, Hidden Treasure Mine, M/001/0067, Beaver County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wunderlich:

I have reviewed the information contained in your letter dated December 1, 2011, and received by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining December 5, 2011, concerning the tailings impoundment at the Hidden Treasure mine.

The Division needs to receive and approve an amendment to the mine plan and a reclamation surety before you begin construction of the tailings impoundment; however, it may be possible to approve the project incrementally and allow construction to begin prior to full approval. For example, the existing, approved mine plan probably contains adequate soil survey information to determine how much soil should be salvaged from the area you propose to disturb. (I have not reviewed the plan to determine whether this information is present but assume it is.) With this information, maps showing the area to be disturbed, and an adequate increase in the reclamation surety, the Division could allow soil salvage operations to begin while review of the remainder of the plan is proceeding.

Review of the tailings dam should proceed quickly if the Division of Water Quality has issued a construction permit. Following this, the Division will need to examine information about chemistry of the tailings before allowing you to begin processing and placing tailings in the pond.

Please submit the modifications to the plan as soon as possible so we can begin the review process. We will attempt to expedite the review as much as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please call me at 801-538-5261 or Tom Munson at 801-538-5321 if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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