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Inspection Report
Minerals Regulatory Program
November 24, 2015

Reviewed: PBB

Mine Name: Little Spot Mine	**Permit Number**: S/027/0024
Operator Name: Penney's Gemstones, LLC	**Inspection Date**: October 20, 2015
Inspector(s): Peter Brinton	**Time**: late afternoon / evening
Other Participants: none	**Mine Status**: Inactive

Elements of Inspection	Evaluated	Comment	Enforcement
1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	☒	☒	☐
2. Public Safety (shafts, adits, trash, signs, highwalls)	☒	☐	☐
3. Protection of Drainages / Erosion Control	☐	☐	☐
4. Deleterious Material	☐	☐	☐
5. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)	☐	☐	☐
6. Reclamation	☐	☐	☐
7. Backfilling/Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)	☒	☒	☐
8. Soils	☒	☒	☐
9. Revegetation	☒	☒	☐
10. Other	☐	☐	☐

Permit fee: Delinquent ($450) **Bond Renewal Date:** January 11, 2013 **Bond Amount:** $18,600

Inspection Purpose: **Evaluate site for reclamation approval and bond release**

Inspection Summary: Significant grading of overburden material previously placed at the crest and within the pit had occurred, but most of the pit and angle-of-repose slopes remain, and reclamation can't be considered complete. Unconsolidated overburden material on the northeast should be pushed into the pit and against the opposite wall. Stockpiles on the west should be pushed down as well. Concurrence with BLM on a future bond release is required, and reclamation surety will be needed until reclamation earthwork has been completed.

Halogetan was the dominant species on a number of regraded areas. No evidence of seeding or seeded species were seen. No soils were apparently saved.

Photos were taken to document site conditions. Conditions were very windy and rainy.

Conclusions and Recommendations:

Reclamation surety will be needed until regrading is complete. The current bond amount would be adequate for the Division to regrade and seed the site. Concurrence with BLM on a future bond release is required.

Inspector's Signature Peter Brinton

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May 12, 2011: Active pit (stitched), with overburden piles in the background. Looking northwest.

October 20, 2015: Partially backfilled pit. Material on right should be graded to the left. Note the halogetan and Indian ricegrass. Looking northwest.

View looking south of slopes that should be graded down to a shallower slope (October 20, 2015).

View of slopes and waste material that should be graded.