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Reference: November 18, 2011 Letter
Subject: Division Directive, TME Asphalt Ridge LLC, Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/0089: Cameron #1 Project, S/047/0036: and TME AR Lecy Mine, S.047/0088: Unitah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Baker.

TME Asphalt Ridge LLC acknowledges receipt of this letter and Directive and would like to request a six month delay (June 1, 2012) on the required request to combine the two small mine permits into the large mine permit.

TME is in negotiations with a larger energy company that desires to acquire the small mine permits to place a bitumen processing plant on the mine site. They also desire TMEAR to supply native ore to this processing plant from the TMEAR large mine permit area. This would expand TMEAR native ore mining and activation of the large mine permit. This may also lead to the other company purchasing the complete operation from TMEAR in the future.

The other company would have a site to scale up their pilot plant, which is presently being built. They, of course, will have to change that permit with DOGM. Their schedule suggests a spring 2012 commissioning of this pilot plant.

The request for a six month delay is based on these negotiations and the timeline that TMEAR sees today. If there is a delay or cancelation of negotiations before the six months is complete, TMEAR will inform DOGM and proceed to move forward with the Directive.

Please consider this request and thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Jim Runquist
Chief Manager
TMEAR Asphalt Ridge LLC

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