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Permit ID: C1993017
Revision Type: Amendment
Permitting Action: Application
Subject: **Amendment No. 3; Increase in Mine Permit Area; “Life of Mine”**

Dear Mr. Yde,

SPE is submitting the enclosed Amendment No. 3 Application to request approval for an increase in the mine permit area.

For ease of review and file size management, the entire permit has not been re-submitted in this application. Only files that require revision for Amendment 3 are included. The “compare text” markup is utilized on the submitted text. The permit materials included in this submittal have the suffix “Amend 3_20120901” as they were prepared in anticipation of the earlier submittal date. Attachment (2) is a table that lists and describes proposed changes to permit materials in this application. Items that require detailed discussion relevant to this amendment are included in Attachment (6).

All revised permit materials included in this amendment application utilize an approved Amendment 2 and all approved minor revisions as a starting point. If any minor discrepancies in text, tables, maps, figures still exist, due to incorporating the multiple revisions into this submittal, SPE will promptly correct the minor errors in future correspondence related to Amendment 3.

The following describes attachments included in this submittal:

**(1) APPLICATION FORM FOR STRIP OR UNDERGROUND MINING
PERMIT_AMEND 3_20121005.pdf**

Includes the following attachments within to supplement the application form:

- TABLE App-1_AMEND 3_20120901
- TABLE App-2_AMEND 3_20120901
- TABLE App-3_AMEND 3_20120901
- TABLE 303-4_AMEND 3_20120901

(2) TABLE OF MATERIALS UPDATED BY VOLUME_AMEND 3_20121005.pdf

This table is a list of permit volumes that require revisions for this amendment. The table includes further listing of all revised materials within each permit volume. Additionally, revisions made to each permit material/document are briefly described or listed on this table. For more lengthy discussion on substantial revisions to permit materials/documents refer to Attachment (6).

(3) UPDATED PERMIT MATERIALS BY VOLUME_AMEND 3_20121005.pdf

This is a pdf document that includes all the revised permit materials proposed in this amendment. When this pdf is opened, the cover page lists the permit volumes and addenda that have proposed revisions. The permit volumes are pdf attachments to the cover page pdf and the materials within each permit volume are further pdf attachments.

TOC's and volume cover pages are not included in this amendment application. Permit materials that do not require revisions are not included in this application.

(4) CAD LAYERS_AMEND 3_20121005.dwg

This .dwg contains all the updated CAD layers relevant to this submittal.

(5) LIST OF CAD LAYERS_AMEND 3_20121005.xls

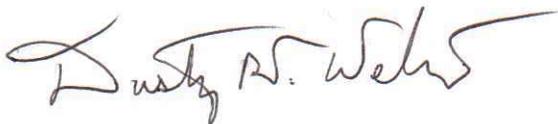
Lists the CAD layers included in CAD LAYERS_AMEND3_20121005.dwg

(6) ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION BY DISCIPLINE_AMEND 3_20121005.pdf

Items that require more explanation than the attachment (2) table can provide are included here.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: (listed & described above)