



November 21, 2018

Tintina Resources Inc.
Attn: Jerry Zieg Sr. Vice President
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Re: Update to Mine Operating Permit Application for the Black Butte Copper Project, Proposed Holding Pond Facility for Treated Water, Revision to Annual Water Balance, and Addition of a Wet Well

Dear Jerry,

I am responding to your letter dated October 26, 2018 regarding an update to the mine operating permit application for the Black Butte Copper Project. The update concerns the addition of a treated water storage pond, revision to the annual water balance, and a wet well adjacent to Sheep Creek.

Under Section 82-4-337(2)(a), MCA, an applicant may propose modifications to its operating permit application after issuance of a draft permit but prior to receiving a final permit. If the proposed modifications substantially change the proposed plan of operation or reclamation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may terminate the draft permit and begin anew DEQ's review of the application under Section 82-4-337(1), MCA.

The proposed changes were reviewed and are not considered to be substantial changes in Tintina's application. After a careful review the environmental impacts associated with the addition of a holding pond for Treated Water, revision to the annual water balance, and addition of a wet well do not rise above what would be considered a minor revision request for an existing operating permit. The proposed application modifications do not raise any additional issues to those that would have been analyzed in an environmental review of the original application. Nor do the proposed modifications change DEQ's completeness and compliance determination when the draft permit was issued. The Proposed Action will note these changes.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 444-3841 or at hrolfes@mt.gov.

Sincerely,



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