To All Potential Applicants

RE: Application Information Packet for Hard Rock Mine Operating Permits

Dear Applicant(s),

An operating permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hard Rock Mining Section (HRM) is required for those that plan to mine and disturb more than five acres, as defined under the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. For eligible operators, a separate application for rock products operations is available. Please inquire with DEQ Mining Bureau for eligibility for a rock products permit.

Enclosed is an information packet for a Hard Rock Mining Permit.

The information packet includes:

1. Operating Permit Application form
2. Operating and Reclamation Plan and Application form
3. Application process flow charts
4. Montana Hard Rock & Placer Mining Requirements
5. Additional permits or licenses that may be required

Completed copies of the Operating Permit Application form and Operating and Reclamation Plan and Application form should be submitted via email to [deqhardrock@mt.gov](mailto:deqhardrock@mt.gov). Please mail a signed original copy of the Operating Permit Application form, plus a $500 application fee (checks made payable to “MT DEQ-HRM”) to:

DEQ-HRM

Attn: Hard Rock Mining Supervisor

PO Box 200901

Helena, MT 59620-0901

If you have questions, please contact Eric Dahlgren, Hard Rock Mining Section Supervisor at

406-444-5245 or [edahlgren@mt.gov](mailto:edahlgren@mt.gov).