



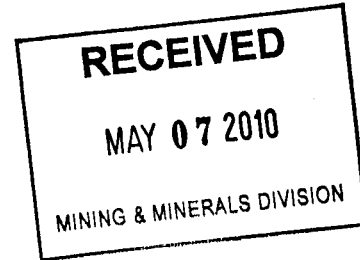
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May 6, 2010

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**RE: Response to MMD Comments on SAP – La Jara Mesa Project**

Gentlemen:

On January 25, 2010, Laramide Resources (USA) Inc. (Laramide) received an E-mail from David Otori asking for additional information/clarification on the submitted SAP for the La Jara Mesa Project. Listed below are the specific questions, comments and requests, followed by a response/commitment by Laramide.

**MMD Review of: Revised Sampling & Analysis Plan – Laramide La Jara Mesa Mine**

1. Pursuant to 19.10.6.602.D(2) NMAC – Need the required map of all known owners of surface & mineral estates.

Laramide Response: The requested map is provided as Attachment A.

2. Pursuant to 19.10.6.602.D(11) NMAC – Need the list of all federal & state permits required for the operation.

Laramide Response: A List of anticipated permits is provided as Attachment B.

3. Paragraph 4 of Revised SAP cover letter specifies Attachments 4-6 are attached. No attachments so labeled are found, only Exhibit A- list of BLM registered claims and letter from Alan Cox of Homestake Mining Co

Laramide Response: The cover Letter from Roy Mark Elkins is provided as Attachment C

4. Section 2.0, Climate- The Homestake Mill was the only weather station that wind speed and direction were included as parameters. Wind speed and direction data should be compiled from all of the weather stations.

Laramide Response: All available wind speed and direction data will be compiled from the weather stations proposed in the SAP.

5. Section 2.2, Sampling Design and Methods - The Quality Assurance Performance Audit (QAPA) for the Homestake Mill weather station (Appendix C) indicated that the wind speed and direction equipment, and the temperature sensor failed the audit, but were repaired. It was noted that the barometric pressure sensor also failed the audit and was recommended for replacement. Please confirm that the barometric pressure sensor has been replaced.

Laramide Response: We have confirmed the replacement of the barometric pressure sensor that had failed the audit. The data is currently checked by Homestake's contractor on a monthly basis as a quality assurance and validation check. Meteorological Solutions Inc is the name of the contractor. We anticipate that this QA will continue through the implementation of the SAP and that information will be available as part of the data analysis.

6. Section 2.2, Sampling Design and Methods - For the time period that baseline climatological data will be collected for the SAP, copies of each Q.A. Performance Audit of the Homestake Mill weather station should be provided, if available. In addition, copies of similar Q.A. Performance Audits should be provided (if available) for the other 3 weather stations to validate the information collected.

Laramide Response: Laramide will utilize any available procedures, guidelines and protocols and will reference those as necessary to qualify the data collected as part of SAP implementation.

7. Section 4, Vegetation – In the collection of baseline vegetation data, confirm that any applicable U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be used in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A.

Laramide Response: Laramide will utilize any applicable U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be used in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A of the submitted SAP.

8. Section 5, Wildlife – In the collection of baseline wildlife data, confirm that any applicable USFS and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be used in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A.

Laramide Response: Laramide will utilize any applicable USFS and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be used in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A of the submitted SAP.

9. Section 12, Historic and Cultural Properties – In the collection of cultural resource inventories, confirm that any applicable National Historic Preservation Act and USFS

Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be followed in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A.

Laramide Response: Laramide will utilize any applicable National Historic Preservation Act and USFS Q.A. procedures, guidelines and protocols will be followed in addition to the Laboratory and Field Quality Assurance Plan provided in Appendix A of submitted SAP.

Should you require additional information regarding this proposal, you can contact me at the above listed letterhead number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lee 'Pat' Gochnour".

Lee "Pat" Gochnour  
Consultant to Laramide

Enclosures

cc: Mersch Ward - Laramide

# LIST OF ANTICIPATED PERMITS AND APPROVALS

La Jara Mesa Project  
Cibola County, New Mexico

<b>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	
U.S. Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan of Operations</li> <li>• Special Use Permits (Rights-of-Way, etc.)</li> </ul>
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary Nationwide Permits for Culverts on Arroyos</li> </ul>
Environmental Protection Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan</li> <li>• Notification of Hazardous Waste Activity</li> </ul>
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatened and Endangered Species (Section 7 Consultation)</li> </ul>
Federal Communications Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio Authorizations</li> </ul>
Treasury Department (Department of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explosives User Permit</li> </ul>
Mine Safety and Health Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mine Identification Number</li> <li>• Legal Identity Report</li> <li>• Ground Control Plan</li> <li>• Miner Training Plan</li> </ul>
<b>STATE OF NEW MEXICO</b>	
Environmental Department Air Quality Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality Operating Permit</li> </ul>
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Mining and Minerals Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reclamation Permit</li> </ul>
Environmental Department Waste Management Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solid Waste System Permit</li> </ul>
State Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit to Appropriate Public Waters</li> <li>• Dam Safety</li> </ul>
Environmental Department Surface Water Quality Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stormwater Plan</li> <li>• Notice of Intent – To determine if Discharge Permit is required</li> </ul>
Environmental Department Drinking Water Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Drinking Water Permit (communal water system serving 25 or more people)</li> </ul>
Environmental Department Radiation Control Bureau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radiation Control License for Nuclear Density Gauge</li> </ul>
Game & Fish Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife Consultation</li> </ul>
State Historic Preservation Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Clearance</li> </ul>
Highway and Transportation Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access off State Highway 605</li> </ul>
<b>CIBOLA COUNTY</b>	
Building Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building Permits</li> <li>• Septic System Approval</li> </ul>

**Roy Mark Elkins  
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November 24, 2009

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**Re: Revised Sampling and Analysis Plan,  
La Jara Mesa Project - Cibola County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Shepherd,

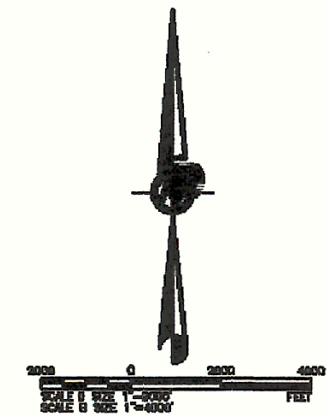
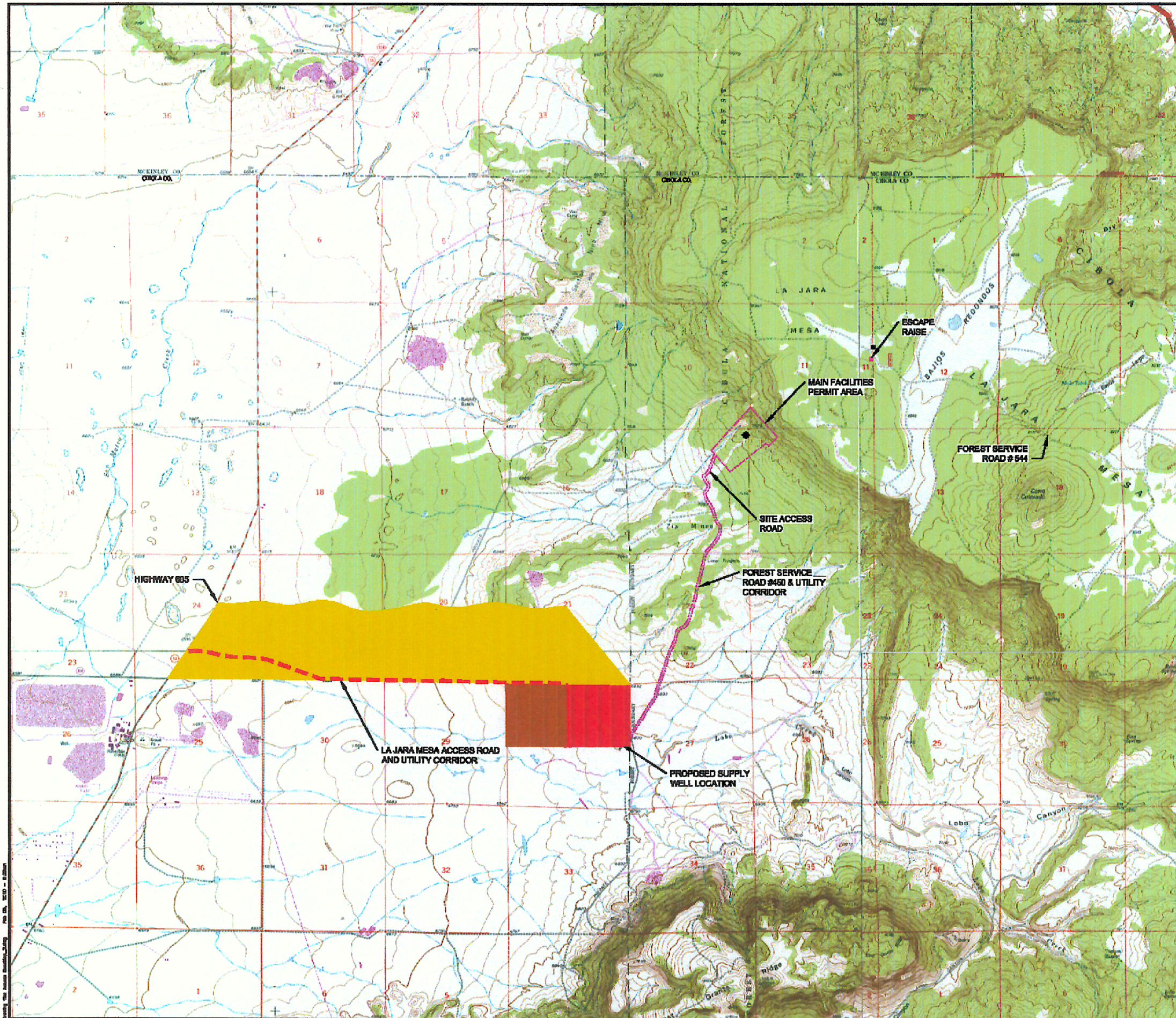
This letter is to advise you that Laramide Resources (USA) Inc. (Laramide) has my permission to cross my private ranch properties, further described as the NE1/4, Section 28, T 12 N, R 9W, NMPM, Cibola County, New Mexico. This granting is to provide access for Laramide and its designated contractors in developing the proposed La Jara Mesa mine and the collection of data for the Sampling and Analysis Plan as required by the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division as required prior to granting the mine permit.

Should you have any further questions please contact me or Laramide at you earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



**Roy Mark Elkins  
Owner**



**LEGEND**

- PROPOSED PERMIT AREA
- ROAD & UTILITY CORRIDOR
- ESCAPE RAISE
- MINE ACCESS AND UTILITY CORRIDOR
- PORTAL FACILITY AREA
- HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY PROPERTY
- RM ELKINS PROPERTY
- BLM PROPERTY

MAP SCALE: 1:24,000

PROJECT  
 LARAMIDE RESOURCES (USA) INC.  
 LA JARA MESA PROJECT  
 CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

TITLE  
**LA JARA MESA BASE MAP**

 <b>Golder Associates</b> <small>Albuquerque, New Mexico</small>	PROJECT No.	083-033835A	FILE No.	Access BaseMap
	DESIGN	LM	05/05/08	SCALE AS SHOWN   REV. 0
	CHD	CM	01/28/10	
	CHECK	JP	01/28/10	
	REVIEW	BN	01/28/10	

**FIGURE 1**