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November 8, 2018

Mr. Holland W. Shepherd  
Mining and Minerals Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**Re: American Minerals Deming Manganese Site**

Dear Mr. Shepherd:

American Minerals, Inc. (AMI) hereby requests a **Permit Modification of LU00IRE** to a Post Mine Land Use (PMLU) of **"Industrial"** from the existing PMLU of **"Grazing and Wildlife"**. AMI leases the 20-acre site from the City of Deming and the City is in agreement to the change in the PMLU (Refer to the attached correspondence). The required fee of \$1000 for the requested change has previously been lodged with your Department.

Yours sincerely

**CHAPMAN, WOOD AND GRISWOLD, INC.**

**Douglas F. Irving**

Agent for American Minerals, Inc.

Copy: Paul V. Hall, V.P. American Minerals  
Keith Ehlert, NM Environment Dept. (Santa Fe)  
George Llewellyn, NM Environment Dept. (Silver City)

Attachments: Two letters from the City of Deming, Nov. 2016 and May 9, 2017



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Nov 2015

Mining & Minerals Division  
Energy, Mineral, and Natural Resources Department  
ATTN: Mr. James R. Hollen  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505

**RE: Former Deming Manganese Processing site of American Minerals, Inc.,  
Permit No. LU001RE**

Dear Mr. Hollen:

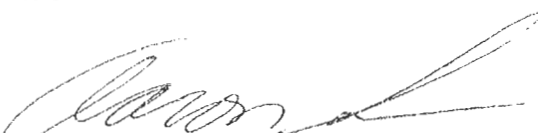
The City of Deming owns the 20-acre site which was used by American Minerals, Inc. (AMI) for the processing of manganese ore. Operations ceased in 2003 and in 2005 the site was reclaimed under a plan approved by the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD). The Post Mine Land Use (PMLU) for the site is currently designated as "Grazing and Wildlife" by MMD.

For years, the City of Deming has regarded the site as "Industrial." It is the City's intent to use the site for "Industrial" purposes at some future time and it is our understanding that, subject to AMI satisfactorily fulfilling its obligations under the required 12-year post-reclamation monitoring period, the site will be released and AMI will have no further liabilities. That 12-year period ends in July of 2017.

The City of Deming as property owner hereby requests that MMD change the PMLU from "Grazing" to "Industrial."

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Aaron Sera, City Manager



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May 09, 2017

Doug Irving, Agent  
American Minerals, Inc.  
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Albuquerque, NM 87107

RE: Deming Manganese Processing Facility  
Post Mining Land Use (PMLU) Designation  
Future Land Use

Mr. Irving,

Site visit discussions on May 01, 2017 with NM Mining Act representatives helped to clarify the City's involvement as it relates to NM Mining and Minerals letter dated March 02, 2017 and the associated guidelines.

The City has multiple industrial parks for development considerations. The referenced area ranks low for the bulk of economic development proposals as the location can only be accessed through residential subdivisions and is immediately adjacent to the County's detention center.

The City does consider the referenced site as an option for a solar array. It is a viable consideration given the proximity of the site to two high electricity consuming facilities, the County's detention center, and the County's entertainment facility. Together with a proposed recreational effluent storage pond in the vicinity that would require multiple pumps to operate, the old processing site has promise for a solar array to help offset electric costs.

Although there is no guarantee the solar array will materialize, it remains a future consideration.

Sincerely,

Aaron Sera  
City Administrator



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Mr. Keith Ehlert  
N.M. Environment Dept.  
1190 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

**Re: American Minerals Deming Manganese Site**

Dear Mr. Ehlert:

During our meeting in Santa Fe on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at the Mining and Minerals Division office with Holland Shepherd, you stated that your Department has determined that further monitoring of the Groundwater at the AMI Site would no longer be required. American Minerals, Inc. is hereby requesting that the **Discharge Permit No. DP1234** for the site be cancelled. Following receipt of the cancellation of the Permit, AMI will notify the Office of the State Engineer and apply for abandonment of the site Monitor Well.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter as we proceed toward site **Closure**.

Yours sincerely  
**CHAPMAN, WOOD AND GRISWOLD, INC.**

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