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Michael Painesis
Dicalite Management Group, Inc.
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RE: Request for Updated Closeout Plan Submittal for El Grande Mine, Permit No. TA002RE

Dear Mr. Painesis

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) is requesting submittal of an updated 5-year Closeout Plan for Permit No. TA002RE, El Grande Mine, from Dicaparl pursuant to 19.10.5.504(D) NMAC and Section 8, condition T of the Permit Modification 16-1.

On July 10, 2025, MMD and Dicaparl met at the mine site for an annual inspection. While on site MMD indicated a 5-year Closeout Plan and updated FA was due. MMD has reviewed the mile file and site history; and wanted to highlight specific items this Closeout Plan should address.

Closeout Plan Submittal

- Closeout plans are a revision of the Permit, as such, the Permit Application will need proof of public notice in accordance with 19.10.9.903 NMAC.
- Vegetation Surveys
 - As described in Section 8, Condition M(1)(d) of the Permit 16-1 Modification, MMD needs a comprehensive evaluation of the test plots.
 - Additionally, any vegetation surveys done should include the units; South Dump, 1A, and 1D as they have surpassed the 12-year mark required for revegetation. These units may qualify for release pending two years of vegetation surveys and data analysis.
- Ancillary Facilities
 - Include a 3rd party estimate in the new cost estimate for the demolition of buildings on site.
 - MMD will need an updated list of current equipment on site.
 - Given their current state, please include the rationale for the buildings to remain on site.

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- Annual Reports
 - In accordance with Section 8, condition D of the Permit modification 16-1, please provide a summary of the activities on site since the last closeout plan.
 - Examples: On-going mining production for the site, facilities removed, reports on repair work done for the voids that formed near the mill yard.
- Financial Assurance/Cost estimate
 - An updated cost estimate is needed.
 - FA should be calculated off the cost to reclaim the mine site for the highest year of disturbance between 2025-2030.

MMD would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Closeout Plan with Dicaperl.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 216-8945, or email Samantha.rynas@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,



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Mine File (TA002RE)

Enclosures:
1. MARF Closeout Plan Guidelines
2. Public Notice Guidelines