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Docket No. 40-8903
SUA-1471, Amendment No. 9
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Homestake Mining Company
P.O. Box 98
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Gentlemen:

We have completed our review of your Reclamation Plan Outline and Preliminary Cost Estimate which you provided with your letter dated October 12, 1990. Based on our review, we have determined that the information provided is adequate to establish an interim surety pending your submittal of the Final Reclamation Plan by January 31, 1991.

As you requested, we reviewed the limited technical information provided in your submittal and identified issues that must be addressed in your Final Reclamation Plan. Our review comments are enclosed. Also enclosed is a Staff Technical Position which provides guidance for establishing the required surety instrument and an outline of recommended wording for the final cost estimate.

Therefore, based on a review of your October 12, 1990, submittal and pursuant to Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 40, Source Material License SUA-1471 is hereby amended by modifying License Condition No. 28 to read as follows:

- 28. Within 90 days of issuance of this amendment, the licensee shall submit an interim surety instrument acceptable to the NRC, in an amount of no less than \$20,000,000. This surety amount is based on a preliminary cost estimate, and thus may be revised once a Final Reclamation Plan is reviewed and approved by the NRC. The Final Reclamation Plan must be provided by the licensee no later than January 31, 1991. The surety shall be written in favor of the NRC for the purpose of complying with 10 CFR 40, Appendix A, Criteria 9 and 10, and shall be continuously maintained until a replacement is authorized by the NRC on the basis of approval of the Final Reclamation Plan.

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All other conditions of this license shall remain the same. The license is being reissued to incorporate this license condition.

This amendment was discussed with and agreed to by Jerry Danni of Homestake and Ray Gonzales of my staff on October 31, 1990.

Sincerely,

/s/

Ramon E. Hall
Director

Enclosures:

1. Comments on Reclamation Plan Outline and Preliminary Cost Estimate
2. Staff Technical Position on Financial Assurances
3. Recommended Outline for Site Specific Reclamation and Stabilization Cost Estimates
4. Source Material License SUA-1471

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