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Subject: [External_Sender] RE: For confirmation: Standby Trust Agreement date
Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022 10:47:34 AM

Mr. Linton,

NRC's understanding as detailed below is correct. The final signatory, NRC staff with signature authority, will date the STA and the STA is effective on that date. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,



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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE STANDBY TRUST AGREEMENT, LICENSE NO. SUA-1471, DOCKET 040-08903

Dear Mr. Bingham:

The Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) submitted its Fourth Amendment to the Standby Trust Agreement (STA) to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) in a letter dated March 25, 2022 (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) ML22087A078). In the cover letter, HMC stated the enclosed package includes, "2. Revised Standby Trust Agreement (NRC signature required)". The first paragraph in the Fourth Amendment to the STA includes the following language:

FOURTH AMENDMENT TO THE STANDBY TRUST AGREEMENT, dated as of _____, 2022 ("FOURTH AMENDMENT") among Homestake Mining

Company of California, a California corporation, Citibank, N.A., a national bank, and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The staff notes the date line, “dated as of _____, 2022”, is blank. It is NRC staff’s understanding, after discussions with HMC staff, that the final signatory (the NRC staff member with signature authority) should date the blank date line when signing the STA. This was unclear to the NRC staff. The NRC staff requests confirmation from HMC that the final signatory of the STA, the NRC staff member with signature authority, is expected to date the STA.

In accordance with Title 10 *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 2.390 of the NRC’s “Agency Rules of Practice and Procedure,” a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be available electronically for public inspection in the NRC Public Document Room or from the Publicly Available Records component of NRC’s ADAMS. ADAMS is accessible from the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 301-415-7777, or via email at Ron.Linton@nrc.gov.

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