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**RE: Homestake Mining Company of California – Grants Reclamation Project –
Request for Schedule on the Application for Alternate Concentration Limits
Acceptance Review, Radioactive Materials License SUA-1471, Docket 040-08903**

Mr. Linton,

On August 8, 2022, Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC) submitted an Alternate Concentration Limits (ACL) Application License Amendment Request (LAR) for the Grants Reclamation Project (ML22263A299). In the interest of clarity, HMC is requesting that the NRC provide an anticipated date for completion of the acceptance review.

The Executive Summary of NUREG-1620 states:

“The staff should complete the acceptance review and transmit the results to the applicant within 30 days of the receipt of the application [emphasis added], along with a projected schedule for the remainder of the review.” While HMC acknowledges the issues associated with document receipt, size and complexity, neither 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A nor NUREG-1620 indicate that the start of the acceptance review is contingent on the docketing of an application, which took approximately three months in this case. Given that the acceptance review has exceeded 30 days, an anticipated review completion date will help HMC allocate the necessary resources to respond to NRC in a timely manner.

The Executive Summary of NUREG-1620 further states that acceptance criteria to *“...determine the acceptability of the applicant's compliance demonstration and application have been developed so that staff reviewers can use consistent and well-documented approaches for review of all reclamation plans”*. As part of the LAR, HMC provided NRC with crosswalks to Criterion 5B(6) of Appendix A to CFR 10 Part 40, NUREG-1620, and NUREG-1748 to document the completeness of the submittal and where each of the acceptance criteria have been specifically addressed in order to facilitate NRC's timely review of this LAR. The proposed solutions and approaches to safety problems and

safety-related designs provided in the LAR follow the NRC guidance and acceptance criteria.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter. HMC is committed to providing any assistance the NRC needs in order to facilitate their acceptance review in a timely manner. If you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail at bbingham@homestakeminingcoca.com or via phone at 505.290.8019.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brad R. Bingham".

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