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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ags	above ground surface
ALWM	Ambrosia Lake West Mill
bgs	below ground surface
DP	discharge permit
ft	feet
INTERA	INTERA Incorporated
LTSM	long-term surveillance and maintenance
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
NMOSE	New Mexico Office of the State Engineer
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
P&A	plug and abandon/plugged and abandoned/plugging and abandoning
PVC	polyvinyl chloride
RAML	Rio Algom Mining LLC
Site	Property owned by RAML located in the Ambrosia Lake Mining District, 19 miles
	northwest of Grants, McKinley County, New Mexico
SSA	solid-stem auger
DLY	Yellow Jacket Drilling

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1.0 Introduction

This report describes the field activities to install the 5-04 ALL-R replacement monitoring well and plug and abandon (P&A) the damaged well 5-04 ALL at Rio Algom Mining LLC's (RAML) Ambrosia Lake West Mill (ALWM) Facility in McKinley County, New Mexico (Site). Field activities were conducted between December 16, 2022, and January 12, 2023. Well drilling, installation, development, and abandonment activities were conducted in accordance with the RAML and INTERA SOPs and NMED guidelines.

This report is divided into the following sections: Section 2 describes the Site and provides historical perspective on the need for this well replacement task; Section 3 presents each aspect of the project including well drilling and completion, well development, and well abandonment. The figures are provided in a separate section and consist of a Site location map (Figure 1) and a Site map showing the location of the replacement monitoring wells (Figure 2). Appendices include:

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2.0 Well History

The ALWM Site is located in the Ambrosia Lake Mining District, 19 miles northwest of Grants, McKinley County, New Mexico. Monitoring well 5-04 ALL is an alluvial well within the proposed Long-Term Surveillance and Maintenance (LTSM) boundary at the Site. Monitoring and reporting requirements for this location are defined by the SUA-1473 Radioactive Materials License and New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Discharge Permit (DP)-169.

A flash flood occurred in and around Ambrosia Lake in August 2021 and one well, 5-04 ALL, was affected, resulting in approximately 30 feet of mud in the well casing. RAML attempted to redevelop this well in December 2021; however, it was found that the well casing had collapsed approximately 5 feet below the top of the well housing. RAML has been unable to sample well 5-04 ALL since the first semi-annual monitoring event in 2021. The damage to well 5-04 ALL and RAML's intent to repair or replace the well was noted in RAML's semi-annual monitoring reports under SUA-1473 and DP-169 since the event occurred. A license amendment request dated May 27, 2022 (ML22147A179) proposing the replacement of this well was submitted to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and NMED (RAML, 2022).

3.0 Well Replacement and Abandonment Activities

Prior to performing drilling activities at the Site, INTERA obtained permits from the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE) to drill a replacement groundwater monitoring well and to P&A the groundwater monitoring well that was being replaced. A copy of the permits can be found in Appendix C. INTERA and RAML personnel also prepared equipment, schedules, and subcontractor technical services agreements; identified Site utilities; and attended RAML Site health and safety training.

In accordance with the RAML SOPs, drilling, sampling, and development equipment were decontaminated prior to drilling. Drill cuttings generated during drilling activities were placed in Super Sacks for scanning and disposal. Copies of field notes are provided in Appendix D.

3.1 Replacement of Monitoring Well

From January 9 through January 12, INTERA oversaw the drilling, installation, and development of the 5-04 ALL-R replacement groundwater monitoring well. The addition of the letter "R" at the end of the well name denotes that the new well is a "replacement." The alluvial well was drilled using solid-stem auger (SSA) drilling methods. The replacement well was placed approximately 20 ft to the northwest from the original 5-04 ALL well.

Well drilling, installation, development, and abandonment activities were conducted in accordance with the INTERA and RAML SOPs and NMOSE permits, and with consideration of NMED monitoring well construction and abandonment guidelines (NMED, 2011). The well drilling, installation, and development activities were performed by Yellow Jacket Drilling (YJD) of Phoenix, Arizona. Field supervision of drilling, geologic logging, well installation, well development, and well abandonment was provided by INTERA geologists. The location of the groundwater replacement well is provided in Figure 2. The lithologic log and completion diagram, including construction details, is presented in Appendix A. A survey of the new well location coordinates and elevation is pending.

3.1.1 Well Drilling and Completion

Replacement well 5-04 ALL-R was drilled on January 10 and 11 using a CME-95 drilling rig equipped with 10-inch augers and a center bit. To determine the total depth (TD) of the alluvium, the boring was over-drilled until refusal into the Tres Hermanos B Sandstone unit. Drill cuttings and investigation-derived waste (IDW) was placed into a single 1 yard Super Sack.

While advancing the boring, samples were collected from the auger flights for lithologic logging. Samples from drill cuttings were collected approximately every 5 ft, starting from ground surface to TD. TD for 5-04 ALL-R was 39.2 ft bgs. The water level while drilling was noted at 25.0 ft bgs. This water level during well development was recorded to be 27.9 ft bgs on January 11, 2023. Based on visual observations of samples collected from the alluvial borehole, the subsurface geology consists of poorly graded fine sands with silt or clay, lean clays, or clay with fine sand.

The well was constructed using 4-inch, flush-joint threaded, polyvinyl chloride (PVC) schedule 40 casing and well screen. The well was installed with a 20-ft section of 0.020-inch slotted screen from 18.8 ft bgs to 38.8 ft bgs with a 4-inch PVC schedule 40 end cap. Blank casing was placed from the top of the screen at 18.8 ft bgs to 2.36 ft above ground surface (ags). The well was constructed using a 12/20 silica sand filter pack from the TD of 39.2 ft bgs to 16 ft bgs. Above the filter pack, a 4-ft bentonite pellet seal was installed to 12 ft bgs, followed by neat cement grout with 5% bentonite mixture to 2 ft bgs. Surface completion consisted of an above-ground, sloped, 3-ft square by 4-inch thick concrete pad, with an 8-inch protective steel locking monument set in the pad to a height of 2.8 ft ags. A well construction and completion diagram is provided in Appendix A and the NMOSE record for the new well is provided in Appendix C.

3.1.2 Well Development

INTERA oversaw well development of 5-04 ALL-R on January 11 and 12. Development consisted of surging and pumping. Water quality parameters (pH, conductivity, temperature, and visual turbidity) were recorded during development.

Prior to development, the static water level was measured in the well. The well was initially developed by surging the well screen from bottom to top using a surge block. The surge block was lowered to the bottom of the well on a wire line and was then raised up and down throughout the well screen to sort and capture loose sediment around the screen. The well was surged to settle the sand pack, which started at a depth of 16 ft bgs and after surging remained at 16 ft bgs. With surging complete, a monsoon pump was used to remove approximately nine casing volumes of water. Water quality parameters (pH, specific conductance, and temperature) were measured until they had stabilized over three consecutive readings, while turbidity steadily cleared up during development but only reached approximately 550 nephelometric turbidity unit (NTUs) at the completion. The well development form is provided in Appendix B.

3.2 Plugging And Abandonment

On January 11, INTERA oversaw P&A activities of 5-04 ALL. The well was P&A due to structural damage of the well casing and flood damage from August 2021, which caused the well to fill with sediment to approximately 30 ft bgs. Abandonment procedures began with a surface excavation of the collapsed casing to access the borehole on December 16, 2022. An excavator was used to expose the damaged casing down to approximately 5 ft bgs. The collapsed casing was removed by hand and a temporary casing was secured to the existing casing extending the casing above ground surface to allow for further P&A procedures. The excavation around the well was backfilled around the temporary casing. On January 11, INTERA geologist supervised the airlifting of the sediment from the well to the original TD of 70 ft bgs. Air-lifted IDW sediments were collected in a 55-gallon drum for disposal. Once the well was clear of sediment, a mixture of 5% bentonite and Portland cement was pumped into the well through a tremie

pipe from TD to ground surface. The temporary extension casing was removed. The well was P&A according to NMOSE requirements as described in the permit.

Prior to P&A activities, a "Well Plugging Plan of Operations" form was completed and submitted to the NMOSE. In addition, upon completion of P&A activities, a "Well Plugging Record" was submitted to the NMOSE by the drilling contractor. Copies of these forms are provided in Appendix C.

3.3 Future Sampling Plans

Groundwater sampling at replacement well 5-04 ALL-R will be performed quarterly for the first 2 years (8 quarters) starting in Q1 2023 in accordance with SUA-1473 License Condition 34. After 2 years, the interval will move to semi-annual sampling events, per the License and DP-169. Sampling results will be included in the routine groundwater monitoring reports submitted to NRC and NMED for SUA-1473 and DP-169, respectively.

On February 8, 2023, RAML measured the depth to water in well 5-04 ALL-R to be 28.09 ft bgs, with a 10.71-foot water column above the bottom of the screened interval (38.8 ft bgs). RAML will install a new dedicated bladder pump in well 5-04 ALL-R with the pump intake set at 33.5 ft bgs, which is approximately the middle of the water column. RAML will sample well 5-04 ALL-R with the new bladder pump during the first quarter 2023 monitoring event in February 2023.

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Appendix A

Lithologic Log and Completion Diagram



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Top of Monument = 2.8', Top of casing = 2.36', Screen Interval 18.8 ft bgs to 38.8 ft bgs.

ft = foot or feet, bgs = below ground surface, in = inches, DTW = depth to water, TOC = top of casing, amsl = above mean sea level,

Appendix B

Well Development Form

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Appendix C

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

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MIKE A. HAMMAN, P.E. STATE ENGINEER

5550 San Antonio Drive NE Albuquerque, NM 87109-4127 (505) 383-4000

April 11, 2022

Rio Algom Mining LLC c/o Kent Applegate PO Box 218 Grants, NM 87020

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Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, LLC 3922 E University Dr #1 Phoenix, AZ 85034

Well No. B-481 Unknown POD (MW 5-04)

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the Well Plugging Plan of Operations which has been approved subject to the Conditions of Approval, attached hereto.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact this office.

Sincerely, II an

Nathan Lopez-Brody Water Resources Professional I

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7)	Inside diameter of innermost casing:4inches.
8)	Casing material: Steel
9)	The well was constructed with: an open-hole production interval, state the open interval: a well screen or perforated pipe, state the screened interval(s): 30-70 ft
10)	What annular interval surrounding the artesian casing of this well is cement-grouted?
11)	Was the well built with surface casing?NoIf yes, is the annulus surrounding the surface casing grouted or
	otherwise sealed? If yes, please describe:
12)	Has all pumping equipment and associated piping been removed from the well? <u>Yes</u> If not, describe remaining equipment and intentions to remove prior to plugging in Section VII of this form.
<u>v. de</u>	SCRIPTION OF PLANNED WELL PLUGGING: If plugging method differs between multiple wells on same site, a separate
Note: 11 diagram as geoph	this plan proposes to plug an artesian well in a way other than with cement grout, placed bottom to top with a tremie pipe, a detailed of the well showing proposed final plugged configuration shall be attached, as well as any additional technical information, such sysical logs, that are necessary to adequately describe the proposal. Attach a copy of any signed OSE variance to this plugging plan.
Also, if t	his planned plugging plan requires a variance to 19.27.4 NMAC, attach a detailed variance request signed by the applicant.
1)	Describe the method by which cement grout shall be placed in the well, or describe requested plugging methodology
	proposed for the well:
	A tremie pipe will be lowered to the bottom of the well and the cement/grout will be placed from the bottom up.
2)	Will well head be cut-off below land surface after plugging? Yes
<u>VI. PI</u>	UGGING AND SEALING MATERIALS:
Note: T from the	he plugging of a well that taps poor quality water may require the use of a specialty cement or specialty sealant. Attach a copy of the batch mix reci- coment company and/or product description for specialty cement mixes or any sealant that deviates from the list of OSE approved sealants.
1)	For plugging intervals that employ cement grout, complete and attach Table A.
2)	For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s), complete and attach Table B.
3)	Theoretical volume of grout required to plug the well to land surface:
4)	Type of Cement proposed: Type III Portland and powdered bentonite
5)	Proposed cement grout mix: 8.5 gallons of water per 94 pound sack of Portland cement.
6)	Will the grout be:batch-mixed and delivered to the site
	mixed on site
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5% powdered bentonite

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Additional notes and calculations:

<u>VII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:</u> List additional information below, or on separate sheet(s):

*The well was silted in due to flooding which raised the TD to 29.4 ft btoc from the original 70 ft btoc. Prior to P&A, as much of the sediment filling in the well will be removed as possible, with the final amount of grout needed adjusted accordingly. The amount of grout listed above was calculated assuming that none of the sediment would be able to be removed.

VIII. SIGNATURE:

I, <u>ACC</u>, which are a part hereof; that I have carefully read the foregoing Well Plugging Plan of Operations and any attachments, which are a part hereof; that I am familiar with the rules and regulations of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and will comply with them, and that each and all of the statements in the Well Plugging Plan of Operations and attachments are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

IX. ACTION OF THE STATE ENGINEER:

This Well Plugging Plan of Operations is:

Approved subject to the attached conditions. Not approved for the reasons provided on the attached letter.

Aday of Witness my hand and official seal this 022 Antonio J.: P.E., New Mexico State Engineer Mike A. Hamman, RE. State Engineer

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TABLE A - For plugging intervals that employ cement grout. Start with deepest interval.

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			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)			0'
Bottom of proposed interval of grout placement (ft bgl)			Between 29.4 and 70 ft, depending on results of redevelopment.
Theoretical volume of grout required per interval (gallons)		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Between 19.4 gal and 46.2 gal depending on results of redevelopment.
Proposed cement grout mix gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of Portland cement			8.5 gallons of water per 94 lb bag of portland cement and 5% bentonite
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TABLE B - For plugging intervals that will employ approved non-cement based sealant(s). Start with deepest interval.

SPACE STAT	Interval 1 – deepest	Interval 2	Interval 3 – most shallow
			Note: if the well is non-artesian and breaches only one aquifer, use only this column.
Top of proposed interval of sealant placement (ft bgl)			
Bottom of proposed sealant of grout placement (ft bgl)			
Theoretical volume of sealant required per interval (gallons)			
Proposed abandonment sealant (manufacturer and trade name)			

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NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER WELL PLUGGING PLAN OF OPERATIONS CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

This plugging plan is approved subject to the following conditions of approval:

Well File No. MW 5-04 (under B-481 monitoring project)

Permittee: Rio Algom Mining LLC

Location: 35° 23' 0.5658" N. Lat., 107° 48' 36.61272" W. Long.

Water well drilling and well drilling activities, including well plugging, are regulated under 19.27.4 NMAC, which requires any person engaged in the business of well drilling within New Mexico to obtain a Well Driller License issued by the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer (NMOSE). Therefore, the firm of a New Mexico licensed Well Driller shall perform the well plugging.

- 1. All sediment filling the well due to flooding will be removed prior to plugging and abandonment of the well, such that the full 70 foot depth of the well can be plugged with cement grout.
- 2. If sediment cannot be removed to the full depth of the well, the driller MUST contact this office for consultation prior to plugging the well: Nathan Lopez-Brody, (505) 383-4015, nathan.lopez-brody@state.nm.us
- 3. Measurement of the current static water level in the well prior to initiation of plugging IS REQUIRED, and shall be recorded on line II.7. of the Plugging Record. This water depth shall be measured after the removal of sediment from the well casing.
- 4. Theoretical volume of sealant required for abandonment of the 4-inch casing is approximately 0.653 gallons per vertical foot. The reported 70 foot depth of the well was obtained from the applicant, and the theoretical volume of sealant necessary to plug the well is 45.71 gallons.
- 5. The Well Plugging Plan of Operations requests use of 5% bentonite-enriched cement. Pure bentonite powder ("90 barrel") is allowed as a cement additive under NMOSE and AWWA guidelines, and neither granular bentonite nor extended yield bentonite shall be mixed with cement for plugging purposes. Supplemental bentonite powder increases water demand for the slurry at a rate of approximately 0.65 gallon of water per 1% increment of bentonite by dry weight content above the fundamental water demand of 5.2 gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of cement.

The final 5% bentonite/cement slurry mix shall not exceed 8.5 gallons of water per 94-lb. sack of cement and 5-lb. bentonite increment.

6. The bentonite shall be hydrated separately with its required increment of water before being mixed into the cement slurry.

If water is otherwise added to the combination of dry ingredients or the dry bentonite blended into wet cement, the alkalinity of the cement will restrict yield of the bentonite powder, resulting in excess free water in the slurry and enhanced cement shrinkage upon curing.

- 7. The well shall be plugged by tremie pipe from the bottom up.
- 8. Before any attempts are made to plug this well, the NMOSE. District I Office shall be notified 48 hours in advance of the anticipated schedule for plugging, so that an NMOSE representative has the opportunity to witness the procedures, if deemed necessary.
- 9. Should the NMED or another regulatory agency sharing jurisdiction of the project authorize, or by regulation require, a more stringent well plugging procedure than herein acknowledged, the more-stringent procedure should be followed. This, in part, includes provisions regarding pre-authorization to proceed, contaminant remediation, inspection, pulling/perforating of casing, or prohibition of free discharge of any fluid from the borehole during or related to the plugging process.
- 10. The well driller shall file a complete plugging record with the State Engineer and the permit holder no later than 30 days after completion of the plugging.

Witness my hand and seal this 11th day of April, 2022

Mike A. Hamman, P.E., State Engineer

By: Anth Nathan Lopez-Brody

Water Resources Professional I District 1



STATE OF NEW MEXICO OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

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MIKE A. HAMMAN, P.E. STATE ENGINEER 5550 San Antonio Drive NE Albuquerque, NM 87109-4127 (505) 383-4000

April 11, 2022

Rio Algom Mining LLC c/o Kent Applegate PO Box 218 Grants, NM 87020

Yellow Jacket Drilling Services, LLC 3922 E University Dr #1 Phoenix, AZ 85034

Monitoring Well, B-481 POD 34 Plugging Plan, Well No. B-481 Unknown POD (MW 5-04)

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is the Application for Permit to Drill a Well with No Water Right and Well Plugging Plan of Operations listed above. These have been approved subject to the Conditions of Approval, attached hereto.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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Nathan Lopez-Brody Water Resources Professional I

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1. APPLICANT(S)

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Name: Rio Algom Mining LLC		Name: INTERA Inc.		
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NOTE: If more well location	s need to be describ	l ped, complete form	WR-08 (Attachment 1	- POD Descriptions)
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Approximate depth of well (fee	et):55.0	C	outside diameter of well o	asing (inches):4.0
Driller Name: Yellow Jacket D	rilling Services, LLC		riller License Number: W	/D-1458
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4. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: The applicant must include the following, as applicable to each well type. Please check the appropriate boxes, to indicate the information has been included and/or attached to this application:

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Exploratory:	Pollution Control and/or Recovery:	Construction	Mine De-Watering:
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	stream system.	heat exchange project, and,	A description of the methods employed to
	Proof of any permit required from the	The duration of the project.	estimate effects on surface water rights and
	New Mexico Environment Department.	Preliminary surveys, design	underground water rights.
	An access agreement if the	data, and additional	☐ Information on existing wells, rivers,
	applicant is not the owner of the land on	information shall be included to	springs, and wetlands within the area of
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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affirm that the foregoing statements are true to th	e best of (my, our) knowledge and belief.	Ass
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This Application is approved provided it is not exercised to the detriment of any others having existing rights, and is not contrary to the conservation of water in New Mexico nor detrimental to the public welfare of the state; and further subject to the following conditions of approval:

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Permittee:

Rio Algom Mining LLC Agent: Kent Applegate PO Box 218 Grants, NM 87020

Permit Number: B-481

Monitoring Well/Point of Diversion (POD):

B-0481 POD 34 Latitude: 35.3834905 Longitude: -107.8101702

- 1. No water shall be appropriated and beneficially used under this permit.
- 2. Water shall be used from the well for monitoring purposes only unless and until a permit for a specific use has been issued by the State Engineer.
- 3. The well shall be drilled by a driller licensed in the State of New Mexico in accordance with Section 72-12-12 NMSA and the well shall be constructed in accordance with 19.27.4 NMAC.
- 1. If artesian water is encountered, the Permittee and driller shall comply with Subsection C of 19.27.4.31 NMAC and all rules and regulations pertaining to the drilling and casing of artesian wells.
- 4. The well shall be drilled and completed within one year of issuance of this permit. A Well Record shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after completion of the well in accordance with Subsection N of 19.27.4.29 NMAC (i.e. due by June 20, 2020).
- 5. Upon completion of permitted use, this well shall be plugged under a State Engineerapproved Plugging Plan, and a Plugging Record shall be filed with the State Engineer within thirty (30) days after the well is plugged in accordance with Subsection C of 19.27.4.30 NMAC.
- 6. Construction of a water well by anyone without a valid New Mexico Well Driller License is illegal, and the well owner shall bear the cost of plugging the well by a licensed New Mexico well driller. This does not apply to driven wells, the casing of which does not exceed two and three-eighths outside diameter.

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- 7. Pursuant to Section 72-8-1 NMSA, the Permittee shall allow the state engineer and his representative's entry upon private property for the performance of their respective duties, including but not limited to access to the wells for meter readings and water level measurements.
- 8. The State Engineer retains jurisdiction over this Permit.

Witness my hand and seal this 11^{th} day of April, 2022.

Mike A. Hamman, P.E. State Brigineer By: <u>Matheway</u> Nathan Lopez-Brody, Water Resources Professional I



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WELL RECORD & LOG

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PLUGGING RECORD



NOTE: A Well Plugging Plan of Operations shall be approved by the State Engineer prior to plugging - 19.27.4 NMAC

I. GENERAL / WELL OWNERSHIP: State Engineer Well Number: <u>MW 5-04 ALL</u> Well owner: <u>RIO ALGOM MINING LLC</u> Phone No.: Mailing address: <u>PO Box Z/8 Cio</u> City: <u>GRANTS</u> State: <u>NM</u> Zip code: <u>87020</u> **II. WELL PLUGGING INFORMATION:** Name of well drilling company that plugged well: YELLOW JACKET DRILLING SERVICES, LLC 1) 2) _____ Expiration Date: 10/31/24 Well plugging activities were supervised by the following well driller(s)/rig supervisor(s): STEVEN D. LARA 3) Date well plugging began: 1/11/23 Date well plugging concluded: 1/11/23 4) Latitude: <u>35</u> deg. <u>23</u> min, <u>.5658</u> sec Longitude: <u>-107</u> deg. <u>48</u> min, <u>36.61272</u> sec, WGS 84 GPS Well Location: 5) Depth of well confirmed at initiation of plugging as: 29.4 ft below ground level (bgl), 6) by the following manner: 7) Static water level measured at initiation of plugging: 28.53 ft bgl Date well plugging plan of operations was approved by the State Engineer: 3/25/228) Were all plugging activities consistent with an approved plugging plan? YES If not, please describe 9) differences between the approved plugging plan and the well as it was plugged (attach additional pages as needed):

10) Log of Plugging Activities - Label vertical scale with depths, and indicate separate plugging intervals with horizontal lines as necessary to illustrate material or methodology changes. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Depth (ft bgl)	Plugging <u>Material Used</u> (include any additives used)	Volume of <u>Material Placed</u> (gallons)	Theoretical Volume of Borehole/ Casing (gallons)	Placement <u>Method</u> (tremie pipe, other)	<u>Comments</u> ("casing perforated first", "open annular space also plugged", etc.)
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		cubic feet x 7. cubic yards x 201.	4805 = gallons 97 = gallons		

For each interval plugged, describe within the following columns:

III. SIGNATURE:

I, ______, say that I am familiar with the rules of the Office of the State Engineer pertaining to the plugging of wells and that each and all of the statements in this Plugging Record and attachments , say that I am familiar with the rules of the Office of the State are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Signature of Well Driller

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Appendix D

Field Notes

1/10/23 5-04 AU-R BA Dalling B. Archuletel arrive onsite. 1015 . 4 - note: YJD running late fr: Phx. Objectivo: Complete trainings w michaella & Mika and and Second Stant setting up to duill. SWPPP Training w/ Michaelle 1020 - B Archulas JRIA edits Talgele safety meeting Form 1045 YJD called . wond be in 1315 Milan till around 3 pm. Mike S. (H3) corrive onsite 13 15 B.A. to hotel will need YJD + Michaella - Mik S. For SRA review + RWP review. 1445 Steve ((Y50) called me and 12:15 let me know his stuck in traffic and want make Training. 1455 Called + notified Michaella. Training Postponed until tomorrow \$. jr

5-04 ALC-R 1/10/23 BA 0700 B. Archulete arrive msike Shue (TJD) + Michaella (BHP) onsile. Mike (H3) an ile onsite Discuss 5-04ALLER du Iling stratigies and develop eccueption 0715 Remaining 750 and arrive ansite. John + Kent (RHP) arribe onside. 0720 JRA review RUP review. note: Biett (Intera) on webex 0845 YJD crea to Ry to Fry to Start and perform is inspection Rig Stented. Inspection complete 0155 Start moving Big & Eg. to dill Pad (5-04 ALL-R)

A 110 23 5-04-ALL-R BA 1305 Start drilling 5-04 ALL-R -ite. Vollas Jacket Drilling ciller: St Helpers Brandon Taylor 2 phin Rig Augen u. 101 Burchola P Solid Sten Auger Sampling: Logging Cuttings IDW Super Sack (19913) Logging : P-Log K. . Note Wet cutting observed in the 25-30' interval. Files See P-Los for details. slete Hit refusal at ~ 36 bs -11 which is about 10-15' higher than expected compared to old log. Stevi thinks Top of Sandatone.

1/10/23 5-04 AU- R BA @ 39 bys. evidence of Scendstone in cutting. No gravel of gray clay/sondston. Observed as described in old log. 1500 Called to discuss well placement w/ B. Mayhen. Decision to set well dere and Scillen from ~19:39' by: W.L. estimate at 25'-30 bys. 1530 Stent setting the well - Soe as-built for details. 1615 Well installed Filter pack up to 16 by - will soul tomorrow. 1630 Leave drill pas. Sean out 15 gr out 1655 offsite 1/10/23 BA

1/10/23 SA. A As-Built ALI - R -04 5 3×3 × 4" S" metal monument (locking). Top of monument = 2.8 Concrete pad ans_ -3 2-5 S 706 7 8. Concrete S. Stow Stall 1 June 281 -> 1 bas loc. Neat cement Lemit grout w/ 5 % bent 4" PVC Blank Sch 40 bg<u>s</u> Bent. Seal 16' 1 ą 18.5 W.L. (Drilling) 1/0/23 5 25.0' 1) 4" PVC. 020 Screen 16 by W127.9 (1/11/23) sph. 40 , 1.1. 12/20 Silien r Sand ŧ 13 358 4" PVC End Cap Sch 40 39' his it TR-B 10 Diameter 39.2 bis = TD

5-04 ALC-R BA 1/11/22 0730 Arrive onsite Objective: 5-04 ALL-R, stennt so Hing well \$7 A 5-04 ALL weather: Cold + windy. ~!" snow on ground. 0740 - TG Safety meeting Drillers prepping maderial 0 500 + equipment 0930 All arrive at well pade Prepare to supply & Surge Silter Pack.

1/11/22 5-04 ALL - R BA 3A Start Develynnent 0745 see Form for defails. start Swabbing to set soud meter End songing R, 0955 - Sand still at 16 bys. Dossit seem to need to settle any more Top of Sand = 16 11 Add patroling Soul (ganulan) 1000. Seal = 16'-12' bas Hydrate lack water) JOOZ let hydrate Return to well. 1225 Prepare to grout from 12'to near surface. 1235 Grout complete mixed in 55 gallon drum Grant up to 2 bys - mix Ratio - Total Volume = ~ 38 gallons - 1/3 of 50-16 bas AMC-GEL - 3 50-lb bag Portland Condent ·

5-04 ALL P+A BA 1/11/23 1245 Preparing to P+A 5-04 All Air Lifting Setup Complete. 1328 Begin air lifting attempt. 1330 1425 A. lifting Complete - Successful Rempired ~ 20 + Ballons of a dimensit and tagged bottom 0 well at 70 bes. Properse to grow - Mix grout portland cement 5% Bent Gol mixture. Poured to -2'bogs 1600 Pallolot burnled conductor monument casing that was temporarily used to help extend the old / damaged. well colsing. 1607 Pour remaining concrete in hole. 22° bas. Stant clean-up.

9 5-04 ALL POA 1/11/23 BA 1630 Buch at Mailer will finish surface completion and well development tomorrows. 0895370 1700 1)11)27 <u>m</u> RA ument <u>t.</u>____

1/12/23 5-04 ALL-R BA 0955 Arrive maile. Objective : - Dovelop ST-OUALL-R - Surface completion 1015 Arrive at well pad. meet Steve L. (YTS) Prepare to develop 5-04 AU-R Vice pumping (monsoon pump) Calibrate YSI Pro Phis 030 pH 7, 10, 4 Sp-Card. 1413 MS/cm Calibrate Treabidity meter HACH 21000 Tag WL: NTW= 27.9 6-5 1045 Start pumping/well development - See field form for details

BA 11223 5-04 ALL-R BA 1150 End pumping / deve lopment Sannahy - 85 total sallons. - well pumped day twice slaving, Q~2.5 gpm. - allowed well 5-10 minutes to recharge - Water cleaned significantly but never got better than light beens for usky (~566 NTUS). -L - 1 br 5 min durch 1-10 Clean up - Prepas to 1200 Hout. Complete Surface · 8 Steel monument 3'x 3' × 4" concrete pad BSD Sulace Completion finished Stare L. will let concrete dry a little more before ething 5-04 ALL-R into pmont Surface.

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Appendix E

Photo Log

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Photograph 1 -Yellow Jacket staff staging supplies and equipment for replacement well



Photograph 2 -Yellow Jacket staff during well completion at 5-04 ALL-R



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Photograph 3 -Yellow Jacket staff during well completion at 5-04 ALL-R



Photograph 4 -Yellow Jacket staff air-lifting sediments from 5-04 ALL during P&A



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Photograph 5 -Yellow Jacket staff air-lifting sediments from 5-04 ALL during P&A



Photograph 6 -Yellow Jacket staff mixing grout for 5-04 ALL P&A

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Photograph 7 -Yellow Jacket staff mixing grout for 5-04 ALL P&A



Photograph 8 -Finished 5-04 ALL-R surface completion (foreground) with marker for 5-04 ALL (background)