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SUBJECT: HOMESTAKE MINING COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, GRANTS RECLAMATION PROJECT, 2026 ANNUAL SURETY UPDATE, AMENDMENT NUMBER 66 TO SOURCE MATERIALS LICENSE, SUA-1471, DOCKET NUMBER 040-08903

Dear Eric Burch:

Enclosed, please find the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) Safety Evaluation Report (SER) for the Homestake Mining Company of California (HMC or the licensee) Grants Reclamation Project (GRP) 2026 financial surety update. Also enclosed is Amendment 66, to Source Materials License SUA-1471, which revises the amount of the surety to reflect the current cost estimate for decommissioning and reclamation for the GRP.

By letter dated March 17, 2026,¹ HMC submitted its annual financial surety update for the GRP, as required by Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) 40.36, and 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, II. Financial Criteria, Criterion 9 and Criterion 10, and HMC also requested a revision of the financial surety amount in License Condition (LC) 28 of HMC's source materials license. The NRC has evaluated the detailed individual elements of the decommissioning and reclamation costs for the GRP and finds HMC's estimates to be comprehensive, reasonably derived, and appropriate. All the estimated decommissioning and reclamation costs will be adjusted to recognize any increase or decreases resulting from inflation, changes in engineering plans, activities performed, and any other conditions affecting costs as appropriate to meet the applicable regulations in 10 CFR Part 40, Appendix A, Criterion 9 and Criterion 10. HMC's 2026 surety is \$107,961,572.

Additionally, 10 CFR 40.36 allows for the use of a parent company guarantee (PCG) of funds for decommissioning costs based on a financial test if the requirements in 10 CFR Part 30, Appendix A, II. Financial Test, A.1 or A.2 and 10 CFR Part 30, Appendix A, III. Parent Company Guarantee are met. The NRC staff finds HMC established a financial assurance mechanism based on the requirements in 10 CFR Part 30, Appendix A, II and that the revised financial surety provides funds sufficient to cover the current estimated costs of decommissioning the facility. HMC's 2026 submission updating its surety includes a commitment by HMC to maintain the amount of the NRC-approved cost estimates for the standby trust agreement (STA) in the

¹ Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. [ML26084A378](#).

trust fund. The submission includes a demonstration that HMC meets the financial test required in 10 CFR Part 30, Appendix A, II.A1 when using a PCG. Within the surety update, HMC provided the NRC with a finalized and updated version of the STA in the amount of \$107,961,572. The NRC staff will sign and finalize the STA upon approval of the surety amount in this SER. The NRC staff's findings are documented in the financial surety update SER (enclosed).

The NRC staff grants the requested Amendment 66 to Source Materials License SUA-1471. License Condition 28 is revised to require that HMC's surety shall be continuously maintained in an amount no less than \$107,961,572, until a replacement surety is authorized by the NRC. The modifications to LC 28 are provided as Amendment No. 66 to Source Materials License SUA -1471 (enclosed).

During its environmental review, the NRC staff determined that the surety update is categorically excluded under 10 CFR 51.22(a)(1)(xii).

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the enclosure, please contact Ms. Melanie C. Wong at (301) 415-2432 or by email to Melanie.Wong@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,



Signed by Spore, Candace
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Enclosures:

1. Safety Evaluation Report (Surety)
2. License Amendment No. 66
3. Categorical Exclusion Memorandum

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