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This is to notify you that Pacer Minerals LLC, 25429 US Hwy 385, Custer, SD 57730-9147 has submitted an application for temporary cessation of mining operations under Large Scale Mine Permit 467. The mining operation is located in SW1/4 and S1/2 NW1/4 Section 28; T2S-R4E, Custer County. The general location of the operation is six miles northwest of Custer, SD. The primary mineral being mined is mica schist. Pacer Minerals has temporarily ceased mining operations under Mine Permit 467 since the company is evaluating a path for the business moving forward, including the potential for another party to buy the company. Production will resume once the company has been purchased by a new party, possibly sometime in 2025. Pacer Minerals will perform concurrent reclamation and site maintenance during the period of temporary cessation.

A copy of the temporary cessation request and supplemental information can be found at <http://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermitNoticesofTempCesation.aspx>. The department has reviewed the application for temporary cessation and has found it to be procedurally complete.

Pursuant to ARSD 74:29:09:05, your agency has **30 days** from the receipt of this letter to submit written comments on the application. Failure to respond within the thirty-day time period will constitute your agency's approval of the Temporary Cessation.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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