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By Certified Mail

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources Minerals and Mining Program 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501-3182

RE: Mine Permit No. 416; Request to Transfer Surface Mine Permit from VMC, LLC to DTRC LLC; Our File No. 5771.036023.

Dear Minerals and Mining Program:

DTRC LLC has acquired the surface and minerals owned by VMC, LLC in Lawrence County, South Dakota. As part of this transaction, VMC, LLC has also agreed to transfer Mine Permit No. 416 to DTRC.

To facilitate the transfer of Mine Permit 416, the following documents are enclosed with this correspondence:

- 1. An executed copy of the Transfer of Mining Permit;
- 2. Check payable to DANR for the \$100 transfer fee; and
- **3.** An executed copy of the Certification of Applicant.

Dakota Gold's business manager, Ron Everett, has been in contact with Eric Holm to make arrangements for providing replacement surety for this mine permit.

With separate correspondence, I have mailed copies of the notification letters that were mailed to the surface and mineral owners within the affected area as required by the instructions in the Transfer of Mining Permit form.

Please contact me as soon as possible if you need other information.

Sincerely,

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TRANSFER OF MINING PERMIT Pursuant to SDCL 45-6B-47

FEB 0 5 2024 Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182 Telephone: 605 773-4201; Fax: 605 773-5286 MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM Mine permit number: 416 Transfer to: DTRC LLC Present operator: VMC LLC Address: PO BOX 1090 Address. 106 GLENDALE DR., STE. A STEAMBOAT SPRINGS CO LEAD, SD 57754 Telephone number: Telephone number: 605-717-2615 605-222-6235 Name and address of Resident Agent if you are an out-of-state corporation: Township/Range: T5N-R2E Legal description: Gerald Aberle Sections 29, 30, 31, & 32; T5N-R2E 106 Glendale Dr., Ste. A Lead, SD 57754 Resident Agent Telephone number: 605-717-2615 County: Lawrence Name and address of mineral owner: SEE ATTACHED Name and address of surface owner: EXHIBIT "A" DTRC LLC 106 GLENDALE DR., STE. A LEAD, SD 57754 INSTRUCTIONS: Include a \$100 check payable to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, a replacement surety, copies of written instruments of consultation with the surface and mineral owners (if not the operator) indicating pending transfer of the mining permit, and certified mail receipts confirming mailing of such consultation to them. agree to the transfer of mining permit 416 to \_ DTRC LLC lew Operator VMC LLC of all liability with regard to reclamation of the affected area. I This transfer releases understand that the surety submitted to cover reclamation will be released only upon approval of the transfer by the Board of Minerals and Environment Date: STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA COUNTY OF LAWRENCE DANA BENDER SECRETARY/TREASURER OF VMC, LLC , 2024 before me personally appeared ized to execute the transfer of this mining permit who acknowledged **RONALD EVERETT** NOTARY PUBLIC - SEAL Notary Public My Commission Expires: agree to the transfer of mining permit 416 from VMC LLC. This transfer releases VMC LLC of all liability with regard to reclamation of the affected area. I understand that in agreeing to this transfer DTRC LLC is assuming all responsibility and liability for this New Operator mining permit and reclamation of the area affected under this permit. I understand that a replacement surety must be provided prior to the transfer. It is also understood that any changes to the existing operating or reclamation plans of this permit must be submitted to the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for approval. All terms and conditions established in this permit shall be followed. STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA LAWRENCE COUNTY OF GERALD ABERLE COO OF DAKOTA GOLD CORP, MEMBER OF DTRC LLC 2024 before me personally appeared te the transfer of this mining permit RONALD EVERETT

11-18-2027

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Date Approved:

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Chairman, SD Board of Minerals and Environment

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My Commission Expires:

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### EXHIBIT A To Transfer of Mining Permit

### **Mineral Owners:**

DTRC LLC

106 Glendale Drive, Suite A Lead, SD 57754

#### **ALAINA BRICK-MILLER**

5 Jackson Street, Apartment 3 Deadwood, SD 57732

#### JOHN PAUL MILLER

104 Alert Street Lead, SD 57754

MICHAEL D. & EDITH M. GIANSIRACUSA, CO-TRUSTEES OF THE GIANSIRACUSA 1992 REVOCABLE TRUST ESTABLISHED JUNE 24, 1992 13121 Via Ranchero Dr. Saratoga, CA 95070

#### LIMESTONE LLC

6301 S. Grand Prairie Sioux Falls, SD 57108

#### **GARY SALMEN**

6301 S. Grand Prairie Sioux Falls, SD 57108

JOHN A. & MARIE A. ZDERIC, TRUSTEES OF THE ZDERIC FAMILY TRUST ESTABLISHED AUGUST 26, 1987 765 Market St.

San Francisco, CA 94103



DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES Minerals & Mining Program 2050 West Main, Suite #1, Rapid City, SD 57702-2493 Telephone: 605-773-4201, FAX: 605-394-5317 FORM 13 RECEIVED JAN 2 3 2024

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## STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

	MATTER OF THE	)	CERTIFICATION OF
APPLIC	ATION OF DTRC LLC	)	APPLICANT
		)	
STATE	ОБ _ SOUTH DAKOTA	)	
COUNT	Y OF LAWRENCE	) SS )	
	th hereby certify the following information in		
South Da	akota Codified Laws Section 1-40-27 provide	es:	
any app	secretary may reject an application for any lication by any concentrated swine feeding permit, upon making a specific finding that:		
upon a j	The applicant is unsuited or unqualified to finding that the applicant, any officer, dire for which application has been made:		
(a)	Has intentionally misrepresented a mater	rial fact in app	lying for a permit;
(b)	Has been convicted of a felony or other crime of moral turpitude;		
(c)	Has habitually and intentionally violated environmental laws of any state or the United States which have caused significant and material environmental damage;		
(d)	Has had any permit revoked under the er	vironmental l	aws of any state or the United States;
(e)	the applicant lacks the necessary good of	otherwise demonstrated through clear and convincing evidence of previous actions that pplicant lacks the necessary good character and competency to reliably carry out the eations imposed by law upon the permit holder; or	

(2) The application substantially duplicates an application by the same applicant denied within the past five years which denial has not been reversed by a court of competent jurisdiction. Nothing in this subdivision may be construed to prohibit an applicant from submitting a new application for a permit previously denied, if the new application represents a good faith attempt by the applicant to correct the deficiencies that served as the basis for the denial in the original application.

All applications filed pursuant to Titles 34A and 45 shall include a certification, sworn to under oath and signed by the applicant, that he is not disqualified by reason of this section from obtaining a permit. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, that certification shall constitute a prima facie showing of the suitability and qualification of the applicant. If at any point in the application review recommendation, or hearing process, the secretary finds the applicant has intentionally made any material misrepresentation of fact in regard to this certification, consideration of the application may be suspended and the application may be rejected as provided for under this section.

Applications rejected pursuant to this section constitute final agency action upon that application and may be appealed to circuit court as provided for under chapter 1-26."

Pursuant to SDCL 1-40-27, I certify that I have read the forgoing provision of state law, and that I am not disqualified by reason of that provision from obtaining the permit for which application has been made.

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim (petition, application, information) has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.

Dated this	·		
Applicant			
Subscribed and sworn before me this 12 day of	JANUARY	, 20_24	٠
Notary Public			
My commission expires: $6-10-2028$			-
(SEAL)	SEAL	NICHOLE J. O'BRIEN NOTARY PUBLIC State of South Dakota	SEAL

PLEASE ATTACH SHEET DISCLOSING ALL FACTS PERTAINING TO SDCL 1-40-27 (1)(a) THROUGH (e).
ALL VIOLATIONS MUST BE DISCLOSED, BUT WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION.

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Dear Minerals and Mining Program:

Our office represents DTRC LLC.

Regarding the transfer of Mine Permit No. 416 to DTRC LLC, enclosed are copies of the Notice letters mailed to the surface and mineral owners within the affected area of this mine permit, specifically, notice letters were mailed to:

- 1. Alaina Brick-Miller;
- **2.** John Paul Miller;
- 3. Michael D. & Edith M. Giansiracusa, Co-Trustees of the Giansiracusa 1992 Revocable Trust Established June 24, 1992;
- 4. Limestone LLC;
- 5. Gary Salmen; and
- 6. John A. & Marie A. Zderic, Trustees of the Zderic Family Trust Established August 26, 1987

Also enclosed are the original Certified Mail receipts.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Alaina Brick-Miller 5 Jackson Street, Apt. 3 Deadwood, SD 57732

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Dear Ms. Brick-Miller:

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VMC, LLC will be filing an Application to Transfer Mining Permit No. 416 to DTRC LLC with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of the transfer.

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