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April 11, 2023

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources
Attn: Ms. Roberta Hudson; Minerals and Mining Program
523 E. Capitol Ave. – Joe Foss building
Pierre SD, 57501

RE: Letter of Support for approval of the Wharf Boston Expansion permit

Dear Ms. Hudson:

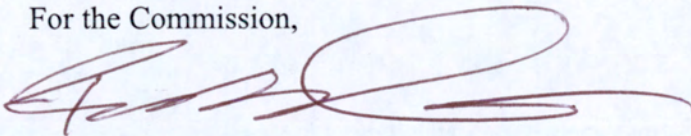
By this letter, Lawrence County would like to demonstrate its support of the proposed Wharf Boston Expansion, and strongly encourage members of the SD Board of Minerals and Environment to approve the pending large scale mine permit for this project. As you're aware, the Lawrence County Commission has already approved a new Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the Wharf Boston Expansion early in 2022.

The Wharf Mine has been a vital, reliable, and consistent employer in the northern Black Hills for nearly four decades. During this time, Wharf has proven to be not only a critical provider of excellent jobs and revenue to the area, but also a strong supporter to dozens of charitable entities such as United Way, Wellfully, Boys & Girls Club, the Homestake Opera House, the Handley Recreation Center, and many local scholarship and other educational functions. Additionally, the Wharf Sustainability Fund launched in 2012 has also benefited the long-term prospects for many local entities in the northern Black Hills over the past 10 years.

The non-monetary support provided by Wharf is also a significant asset to the local communities, to include such things as event response training, donations and supplies, and a water supply for local fire events both of residential nature and on Forest Service lands in the immediate area.

In summary, Wharf is a committed, engaged, and responsible member of the local business community and the estimated two additional years provided by the proposed Boston Expansion will yield benefits well beyond Wharf itself. We encourage members of the Board to also review the attached letters of support provided by several local entities and businesses during the CUP process which further demonstrate Wharf's substantial presence and importance to the local area.

For the Commission,



Bob Ewing, Chairman

Attachments: 18 Letters of Support for Wharf Resources

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90 Sherman Street
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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Beth Massa. I am the Regional Director for Foundation Relations for the South Dakota Community Foundation (SDCF) and work and reside in Rapid City. My role with the organization is to be the "boots on ground" staffer for Western South Dakota. I am proud and honored to work with donors, families, business organizations, nonprofits, and communities throughout this area of the state.

The SDCF, which will celebrate 35 years later in the year, was a product of Governor Mickelson's vision for our state and became a public, nonprofit corporation in 1987. The SDCF was established when the McKnight Foundation and the 3M Corporation issued a \$5 million challenge grant to the state of South Dakota in memory of South Dakota native William L. McKnight. The state of SD committed \$2 million to the project, and within twelve months, the SDCF raised the additional \$3 million from private donors to fulfill the challenge grant. The Foundation has grown from the initial \$10 million endowment into approximately \$700 million in total assets. We manage over 1100 funds, and this number continues to grow.

In 2012, leaders of the Wharf Resources company established an endowment fund with the South Dakota Community Foundation that would provide grantmaking resources to the local area. Each year, dollars from the fund are made available for the Coeur Wharf Sustainable Prosperity Fund to grant to local/area nonprofits. **Over \$540,000** has been granted to projects and programs. Some of the organizations that have received grants from this fund include:

- Junior Achievement of South Dakota
- Northern Hills Family Recreation Center
- Northern Hills Alliance for Children
- Lead/Deadwood School District
- Black Hills Special Services Cooperative
- South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity
- Black Hills State University
- Victims of Violence Intervention
- Black Hills Nordic Ski Club
- makeSPACE Spearfish
- Sturgis Police Athletic League
- Lead/Deadwood Arts Center
- Historic Homestake Opera House



- Deadwood History, Inc.
- Handley Recreation Center
- Homestake Visitors Center, Inc.
- Black Hills Mining Museum

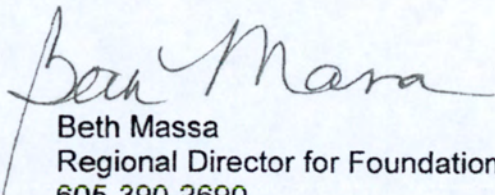
Each year the Coeur Wharf Mine is in operation in Lead, a donation is made to the South Dakota Community Foundation for the Wharf Sustainable Prosperity Fund, and the amount of the proceeds each year is determined by the fair market value of the fund.

The geographic priority for grants for nonprofits is primarily in Lead, and secondarily the neighboring communities. The funding priorities are Education, Health, Community Development, and Arts and Culture. When there is a question about the nonprofit status (501c3), the Board knows they can call on me to research the organization from my end, ensuring they are in compliance with all IRS guidelines for grantmaking.

Like any funding organization, this fund has provided the ability for local nonprofits to establish and expand their programming, work on new projects, encourage collaboration amongst nonprofits, and help to solve issues and concerns in the community and beyond. The fund exists because of the operation of the Coeur Wharf Mine, and nonprofits in the area have opportunities for support that would not exist otherwise.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any additional questions about this fund at the South Dakota Community Foundation. Thank you for the great work you continue to do in Lawrence County.

Sincerely,



Beth Massa
Regional Director for Foundation Relations
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am Kaylee Linn-Wellford, the Director of First Step Child Center in Deadwood, South Dakota. We are located on Deadwood Main Street.

The Start of First Step Child care was born from a small group of committed citizens in the Lead-Deadwood area who saw an overwhelming need for a licensed, safe, and quality early childhood education center. A study was done by Voices for Children that revealed a staggering need for these types of services. With that study, the Northern Hills Alliance for Children (NHAC) Board of Directors was created. This Board fundraised and in March, 2011, successfully opened the First Step Child Care Center. This Center offers care and education to children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. The mission of NHAC is to provide affordable, secure and healthy childcare and educational service to families with young children in the Northern Black Hills. We are currently providing this to 47 students, and we have full classrooms with waitlists that continue to grow.

We have a total of 22 staff members, including administrative staff, head teachers, lead teachers, assistant teachers, a cook, janitorial staff and substitute teachers.

We recently started to revamp our children's outdoor play space, it was in great need of repair due to safety reasons and wear over the years. Wharf mine donated \$10,000 to fund the playground remodel, which included a beautiful 6 foot privacy fence. We strive to get our children outdoors as much as we can and now we are able to accomplish this with peace of mind that our kids are safe as they play. From the years of 2016-2021 Coer-Wharf donation fund has provided NHAC a total of \$44,750. Wharf's Sustainability fund has provided us \$17,500 since 2016 to 2010, for projects to improve our education center.

Continued support from Wharf is a necessity. We are a non-profit organization that relies heavily on grants, donations and fundraising. Our center would not be able to sustain itself without this level of support. We not only need it for general operations but to continue to grow our educational facility. To provide learning opportunities like Woods Wednesday which will be starting this fall. We will spend the day in an outdoor classroom. Our kids will need weather appropriate clothing and we need support in order to supply this need. Our kitchen will soon be needing some upgrades to continue to feed our children healthy meals.

Northern Hills Alliance for Children is in full support of the Wharf and mine life expansion. Wharf continues to be a huge supporter of our community providing jobs for the local community and giving opportunities to organizations like our the ability to thrive and in turn support our community further.

Thanks,
K Linn



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Dear Commissioners,

This letter is on behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of the Black Hills, Lead-Deadwood Unit. We are currently housed in the Handley Recreation Center at 845 Miners Avenue, Lead. We opened this Unit in June of 2014 at the request of the HRC Board at the time to operate (sub-contract in a sense) a youth program for them.

Wharf and it's employees have supported the Club and our members since we opened our doors in 2014.

We currently have 21 employees within the organization, 7 employees at the Lead-Deadwood Unit. We serve over 250 families in the Northern Hills area throughout the year. Wharf has supported many of our programs, operations and families in multiple ways. Employees have provided Christmas presents for our members to hand out at our annual Christmas party and holiday meal baskets for families. An important part of the support over the years that has been essential to our Club, has been the support through the Wharf – Lead Sustainability Fund. Over the last four years, Wharf has supported a request which helped us hire and keep a skilled Program Director in the Lead Club and also kept a Lead citizen from moving away to find higher paid employment. This was vital to keep consistant mentoring for our members (children in the community).

The continuation of Wharf's operations is important to BGCBH first to keep area families employed in the Lead area because without families in the area, we won't have children to serve. Being a non-profit, it would not be financially feasible for us to operate if our membership plummeted. The continued support from Wharf will also be necessary for our operations. We are in full support for Couer Wharf's continued operations.

Warm Regards,

Lisa Sagdalen
BGCBH, CEO
lisasag@bgcblackhills.org



WellFully's MISSION is to provide health, recovery and development services to all adolescent youth.

SERVICES

We serve youth between the ages of 10 and 18 who have significant mental health, substance abuse and behavioral challenges. These youth need our support to safely function in their homes, schools and our community.

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To whom it may concern

I wanted to write a letter of support regarding Coeur Warf and their support over the years to our organization. We are a residential treatment and group home for teens. We have between 35 and 40 youth that live at our facility at any given time, we have 60 employees and are located in Rapid City. Over the past 8 years Coeur Warf has taken us under their wing and have been a consistent and generous donor multiple times each year. Over the years they have contributed over \$100,000 to our organizations. Our kids have gone through a lot and we are able to help them with their issues and provide a safe home for them until the issues they face can be resolved. Coeur Wharf was very generous in our capital campaign they pledged and contributed \$50,000 that together with other generous donors allowed us to build a new facility. They help to sponsor our programming each year and at various times during year. The interesting thing is they don't just send a check they come down and check in on us or give us a call to see how were doing and if there is anything they can do for us. The past couple of years they have checked in and then gone out and shopped for our kids so that they can have gifts under the tree for Christmas. There are number of kids that even though they are teens, have never experienced or gotten Christmas presents. To see them smile and how happy they are can be priceless. We would not be able to do what we do without generous partners in the community such as Coeur Warf. Having them as a community partner is truly valuable to us, were a small organization just trying to help youth that have been treated badly to have a chance at a successful life and the support they prove is very important to us. If you're looking at expanding mining rights to business that is active in the community as well as a well-paying employer my experience, is they are a part of the community and give back. If I can answer any questions in regard to our relationship with them, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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Dear County Commissioners,

The United Way of the Black Hills (UWBH) has been partnering with Coeur Wharf since 2016.

UWBH works to improve the education, financial stability, and health for individuals living in the Black Hills region. We do this by providing grants to more than 70 different nonprofits serving the local community as well as by collaborating with local partners including nonprofits, schools, health care, local government, and businesses.

UWBH Mission: We unite people and resources to improve lives in the Black Hills by delivering measurable, long-term solutions to community issues in education, financial stability, and health.

UWBH supports more than 70 organizations focused on the following community needs:
Mental Health
Substance Abuse
Early Education
Food Security
Abuse
Affordable Housing
Economic Opportunities

Coeur Wharf has been one of these local partners. Employees of Coeur Wharf sit on our Northern Hills Community Cabinet as well as our Board of Directors. Employees and the company contribute to our fundraising campaign, which funds the grants to nonprofits. They have also been a partner in our education efforts in the Northern Hills. Most notably, they have helped increase awareness on the importance of quality early education. As a business leader, their voice on this issue is extremely impactful, as they show fellow business leaders why they should care from an economic development perspective.

Coeur Wharf is a company that values the community they work in. They give back both monetarily and through their time and efforts. We are proud to work with them to improve the quality of life for those living in the Black Hills.

Sincerely,

Jamie Toennies
Executive Director, United Way of the Black Hills

Administrative Staff

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Dear Lawrence County Commissioners,

I am writing this letter in full support of the Wharf mine expansion.

Since November 2017, I've served as Director of the SD CEO West Women's Business Center, hosted by the Black Hills State University Foundation and located in Spearfish, SD. Our mission is to help aspiring entrepreneurs launch new ventures, assist current business owners grow and create workforce development training programs, business workshops, networking opportunities and build leadership skills. We are partially grant funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and employ 3.0 FTE.

Wharf has been a key sponsor of our Women in Leadership program for seven years which has graduated over 175 empowered women in the Northern Hills and Rapid City area. These women have received training in conflict resolution, project management, communication, financial planning, and many other business-related topics. While building their professional leadership skills, they have gone on to build businesses, receive promotions and have the confidence to seek new positions in both their career and in community leadership roles. We could not have built, improved and grown this program without Wharf's consistent support.

Continued operation of Wharf is important to SD CEO West as they have not only helped us build and sustain our Leadership program, Wharf has also consistently supported our events and workshops through sponsorships, booth exhibitors and providing speakers and presenter. It's really an example of a successful business and community non-profit partnership where we are more efficient working together.

We are excited about this opportunity for Wharf to grow and continue to positively impact women in business across the Northern Hills and the SD CEO West Women's Business Center.

Please contact me at (605) 642-6311 or michelle.kane@bhsu.edu with any questions.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:
Michelle Kane
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Michelle Kane
Director, SD CEO West Women's Business Center

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Rapid City, SD 57709

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Lawrence County Commission
90 Sherman Street
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Dear Lawrence County Commissioners:

This letter is in support of the Coeur Wharf application for expansion of their operations in Lawrence County.

In 2020, Black Hills Energy partnered with Coeur Wharf for the Renewable Ready project. Through the program, Wharf will receive approximately 48% of their mining electricity from a renewable resource for the next 8 years, and 100% of water treatment energy for 25 years. Alongside Renewable Ready, Wharf's Sustainability Fund contributes an additional \$50,000 dollars to sustainability projects in the Black Hills each year.

Coeur Wharf is a trusted community partner that consistently demonstrates their commitment to Lawrence County residents through philanthropy, sponsorships, and ongoing partnerships in excess of \$150,000 annually. One example of this commitment is their donation of employee time and involvement in local projects and contributions to organizations like the United Way of the Black Hills, which in turn benefits over fifty non-profit organizations across the region.

Black Hills Energy supports this application as it will allow Coeur Wharf to continue to operate as a steadfast employer and community partner in Lawrence County.

Sincerely,

Marc Eyre
Vice President of Operations
Black Hills Energy, South Dakota Electric

Butler



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Dear Commission:

On behalf of Butler Machinery Company, thank you for giving us the opportunity to talk about our partner Wharf mining.

Butler Machinery company is a 3rd generation family-owned business founded by Francis J. Butler in 1955, Grand Forks North Dakota was the first location and now there are locations in four different states. Butler has been in the machinery industry for 66 years and has been partners with Wharf for 24 years!

Butler employs approximately 850 employees throughout four different states, with 70 employees working out of the Rapid City location. We have 11 technicians on Wharf's mine site every day working from a satellite shop we have on site. These 11 individuals help take care of the fleet Wharf runs for its mine production. Wharf has helped to keep staff in place even when the general construction in and around the Black Hills area has slowed due to the continued growth in their mine site plan over the years. Wharf is a crucial part of our day-to-day business and our future success.

If Wharf were to end mine production, we, potentially, would have to lay off approximately 14 Butler employees (parts and service associates) as this is the number of individuals who support Wharf day in and day out.

We fully support Wharf's expansion and mine life extension ask.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Butler Machinery Company

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Werdel'.

Dan Werdel

Cc: Dan Werdel, Beau Riopel



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To: Lawrence County Commissioners
90 Sherman Street
Deadwood, SD 57732

From: Buckley Powder Co
42 Inverness Drive E
Englewood, CO 80112

Subject: Wharf Permit Expansion

Buckley Powder is a leading explosives distribution and blasting service provider with a long history in the mining, quarrying and construction industries. Buckley Powder started in the early 1920's as a general store in Silver Plume, Colorado selling all manner of items, including dynamite that was used in prospecting in the Silver Plume area at that time. Over the years, Buckley Powder has grown its footprint to spread across 15 states in the Mountain West / Midwest / Southwest areas. We now employ over 350 employees across 28 distribution sites, which includes our distribution site located on the Wharf mine property.

Buckley Powder has been a partner and supplier to the Wharf mine since 2013. During that time we've worked closely with the mine personnel and management to optimize their blasting program. Wharf is an important customer to Buckley Powder and our business presence in Western South Dakota. The continued operation of this mining facility is imperative to Buckley's growth and continued presence in the state.

Buckley Powder fully supports the expansion of this mine permit to Wharf Resources, which will allow us to continue our partnership with Wharf and continue our presence in South Dakota for many years to come.

If you have any other questions regarding our business and support for this permit expansion, please reach out to Steve Bretzing at steve.bretzing@buckleypowder.com or (303) 350-5148.

Regards,

Steve Bretzing
CFO, Buckley Powder Co

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Deadwood, SD 57732

Re: Wharf Permit Expansion - Letter of Support

County Commissioners:

All Net Connections came to the Black Hills in 2002 and served the local area as an MSP performing IT services for small to medium business. We currently employ 11 employees and have had an office in Whitewood since 2002. All Net has maintained a partnership with Wharf during our tenure in Lead.

This letter is written to voice full support for Wharf's application to expand their current mining permit. With this expansion, All Net agrees that Wharf's continued operation will benefit the local community.

Please contact me at 605.580.0377 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddie Muñoz", written in a cursive style.

Eddie Muñoz
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Whitewood, SD 57793

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Dale's Tire & Retreading, Inc
691 Deadwood Avenue
Rapid City, SD 57709

Lawrence County Commissioners
90 Sherman Street
Deadwood, SD 57732

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Wharf's proposed mine life expansion. We have been supplying goods and services to Wharf for well over 20 years. Wharf is a great organization to be a supplier for and continues to be a valuable customer with respect to our 60 years of success in the Black Hills. Wharf's direct purchases of tires and labor services over the years has helped Dale's Tire consistently sustain 8 to 10 jobs at our west side Rapid City location and we are just one tire supplier they count on for tires. We support the proposed expansion effort to extend the mine life at Wharf as well as all the employment it supports directly at the mine site and indirectly throughout the Lead, Deadwood and surrounding Black Hills communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brennan Pruss".

Brennan Pruss – Vice President
Dale's Tire & Retreading, Inc

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To whom it may concern,

I wish to express support for Coeur Wharf's proposed permit expansion. As a citizen of Lead, I have no objection to their expansion and as Executive Director of The Homestake Opera House, I have witnessed firsthand a collaborative partnership with Coeur Wharf that stretches back for over two decades.

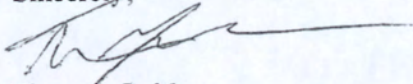
Their support has been integral in the forward movement of the Opera House and by extension, integral in the forward movement of the arts in the Northern Hills. They are firmly established as one of our community's most dedicated and fervent supporters, never shying away from an opportunity to give back to the community in which they live and work.

The continued operation of Wharf is important to us because their impact on the community is so profound. A healthy mining industry has always been a forerunner of fiscal health in Lead, where even the scientific interests of an underground lab include a need for further mining. Wharf's proposed expansion correlates to the fiscal expansion not only of Lead but of Lawrence County as a whole.

As a citizen of Lawrence County for the last two and a half years I have developed a new appreciation for the mining heritage of the Northern Hills and the immense benefit that responsible mining companies like Coeur Wharf bring to our communities.

I support their expansion permit and hope that you will see fit to do the same.

Sincerely,



Thomas Golden

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Re: Letter of Support for Wharf Permit Expansion

Dear County Commissioners,

This letter is written on behalf of Jacobs Welding & Machining and is in support of Wharf Resources' plans to expand their current mining operations.

Jacobs Welding is a local welding shop located in Lead, South Dakota. It is currently the only local welding shop in the area. Jacobs Welding has been in business for 22 years and employs 10 local citizens.

We are writing to express our support for the Wharf permit expansion. We have been a partner with Wharf for many years, and they provide continued consistent work for our shop. With their help, we are able to continue to keep our shop and our employees working at a local level, while providing them with quality welding.

Jacobs Welding & Machining agrees that this permit expansion will mutually benefit Wharf Resources, Jacobs Welding, and the community at large. Jacobs Welding gives the proposed Wharf permit expansion our fullest support. Please contact me at 605-578-1495 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Chad Jacobs
Owner
Jacobs Welding & Machining
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Lawrence County Commission
90 Sherman Street
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Dear Lawrence County Commissioners:

My name is Kerry Ruth and I live in Deadwood. I am the organizer of the group Feeding Deadwood. Feeding Deadwood was started in March 2020 to address food insecurity during the pandemic. Our program has continued to provide for people in our community because the need continues. We provide weekly grocery bags that include dry goods, milk, bread, and meat. Our organization currently serves 25-45 households per week. All groceries are purchased with funds that have been donated by businesses and people in the community.

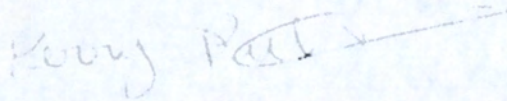
Without the support of Wharf, our organization would not exist. They were the first to offer financial support and have continued to support our program through financial funding, volunteers, and food donations. We have seen the need in our community increase as the price of groceries has risen.

Wharf's philanthropic involvement in our community is essential to so many organizations, including Feeding Deadwood. We are a volunteer organization that relies solely on donations to provide food for those in need.

Extending the mine life of Wharf is extending their important involvement in our community. Their continued operation ensures their continued support of organizations that provide for people in our towns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Kerry Ruth
PO Box 421
Deadwood, SD 57732

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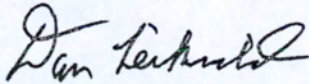
Dear Lawrence County Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to you in support of the Wharf Boston Expansion conditional use permit application. As a long-time resident of Lead, I recognize that some folks have concerns and not everyone agrees with the business of mining. However, given the historical relationship of mining with our community and the economic benefits it provides, I believe extending the life of current operations is the right thing to do at this time.

I believe the positive impact of expanding the current operations and extending the life of those current operations will be beneficial to our city, region, and state. As a former school district employee and as a citizen involved in many local community organizations, I have seen how the current Coeur Wharf operations have benefited our economy regarding jobs for our residents, state severance taxes, local sales taxes, local property taxes, and in the form of donations to local non-profit organizations.

I appreciate your understanding and encourage you to support this request to continue to support economic development and the overall betterment of our community. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dan Leikvold



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To whom it may concern,

My name is Kayla Klein, I own Klein Visioneering Group and I have worked with Coeur Wharf over the past several years in many different capacities. The first, when I was the Executive Director of the local and only child care center, second when I worked as an Education Director for United Way and now as an independent consultant working with non-profits.

Although my role has changed over the past 10 years, the dedication and thoughtfulness of Coeur Wharf has always remained strong. Coeur Wharf has been an exceptional community partner, supporting a vast array of organizations and individuals that make up the stability of this community we hold so dear. Their commitment seems to have no limits; from hands on volunteer efforts, leading within non-profit boards, donating goods and gifts during the holidays, and monetary gifts – their sense of community never falters.

Beyond these ongoing commitments listed above, they have also created a gift of sustainability to all current and future non-profit entities of the Lead-Deadwood area, with the creation of the Wharf Sustainability Fund. Coming from a former position of leadership in a non-profit, I know that sustainable gifts are at the heart of the success and expansion of a non-profit. Coeur Wharf understands this as well and the creation of the sustainability fund will make their efforts and contributions today, a legacy for the future.

Knowing their commitment and respect of the area in which they work, I fully support the current proposed expansion for the Coeur Wharf mining operation. I know they will be good stewards of the land and continue to help our community thrive.

Respectfully,

Kayla Klein

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Re: Wharf Permit Expansion – Letter of Support

County Commissioners:

Rasmussen Mechanical Services came to the Black Hills in 2002 and served the local area performing BOILER ,HVAC , HONEYWELL DDC CONTROL and Lab Safety services . We currently employ 18 employees and have had an office in Sturgis since 2016 . Rasmussen has maintained a partnership with Wharf during our tenure in Sturgis.

This letter is written to voice full support for Wharf's application to expand their current mining permit , with this expansion , Rasmussen agrees that Wharf's continued operation will benefit the local community

Please contact me at 605-343-7800 if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Law". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom Law

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RE: Wharf Permit Expansion

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Scott Stern and I am the President of STERN Co. Our corporate office is located in Freeman, SD but we own a distribution facility in Box Elder, SD and also have business interests in Whitewood, SD and other property in the Blacks Hills area.

Our company has been in business for 46 years and we have had a business relationship with the Wharf Mining operation for approximately 10 years. We have 95 overall employees of which 16 are based in the Black Hills market area.

The Wharf mining enterprise has been a valued customer of ours during this period of time. Their business helps to support not only the employees of our company but their families as well. Their corporate culture initiatives support them to operate in a safe, environmentally conscious capacity that cares about the health and well-being of their employees and the greater community where they operate. Their operation is simply best in class.

Wharf plays a major role in the success of businesses that serve them. The Black Hills area and the greater state of South Dakota are fortunate to have a quality corporate citizen like Wharf and their mining operation in this region. We at Stern fully support the expansion of Wharf mining operations and mine life extension and sincerely hope you will support their expansion as well. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Stern', is written over a horizontal line.

Scott Stern,
President, STERN Co.