

**NOTICE OF FILING
APPLICATION FOR LARGE SCALE MINE PERMIT
WHARF RESOURCES (USA), INC.**

Wharf Resources (USA), Inc., 10928 Wharf Road, Lead, South Dakota 57754, hereby gives notice that an application for a permit to mine gold and silver has been filed with the South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources for its proposed Boston Expansion Project. The resident agent is CT Corporation System, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. The legal location of the proposed operation is Portions of Sections 2 and 3; T4N-R2E, Lawrence County. The general location is approximately four miles west of Lead, South Dakota.

The proposed expansion involves mining to the south of Wharf Resources' existing open pit gold mining operation. The mine permit will allow Wharf Resources to expand its existing operation by 48.2 acres. Of these, 40.6 acres are located outside of the current mine permit boundary, and 7.6 acres are to be included as new permitted affected acreage within the current mine permit boundary. Topsoil will be stripped and stockpiled for use during concurrent and final reclamation. Waste rock will be used to backfill mine pits. Ore will be processed through cyanide heap leach methods before being treated and offloaded to an approved area at the mine. The proposed expansion will extend the total life of the mine to 2030. Reclamation will be conducted concurrently with the mining operation. The proposed post-mining land use is rangeland/woodland grazing.

The application is available for review at the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, at the Lawrence County Register of Deeds office in Deadwood, South Dakota, or on the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program web page at <http://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermits.aspx>. Written objections to, statements in support of, or petitions to intervene and become a party to the proceedings pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:09 must be filed with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources no later than April 13, 2023. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://danr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>. Information about the contents of a petition can be found in ARSD 74:09:01:01 at <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/26972>.

In accordance with the Administrative Rules of South Dakota 74:29:01:15, the department will make a recommendation on the application for approval, conditional approval, or denial. The recommendation is expected to be issued on April 18, 2023, and a contested case hearing before the Board of Minerals and Environment is tentatively planned for May 18, 2023.

Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, at (605) 773-4201.