

Attachment Q

Description of the Anticipated Site Conditions Following Closure and the Potential for Future Reclamation and Beneficial Use of the Affected Area.

As described in earlier sections of this Petition, the mine (Dry Tailings Facility, Mill Feed Staging Area, Interim Waste Rock Storage Facility, Surface Water Management Facility) will be constructed in a manner to capture contaminated water run off for collection, treatment and management.

At Pickett Mountain, there will be 3 classes of structures. Class 1 is a permanently fixed structure that will remain post-closure of the property. Specifically, this will be the dry TMF. Class 2 is a non-permanent structure that is deemed acceptable to decommission and remove only after the site has been deemed ready for rezoning back to a General Management (M-GN) Subdistrict. Specifically, this will be the water management and water treatment facilities including all drainage and water collection structures. Class 3 is a non-permanent structure that is decommissioned and removed as soon as production operations cease. Specifically, this includes all buildings on-site that are not related to water collection and treatment, mill feed and waste rock storage pads, and none essential roadways.

Upon completion of mining and processing of material from the Pickett Mountain mineral deposit, all class 3 structures will immediately be decommissioned and sold, or, to the extent practical, demolished and deconstructed to allow inert materials to be placed in remaining open underground workings (raises and drifts as discussed in Section 4 Project Description). The land surface will then be contoured and smoothed to reasonably match the original landscaping. This closure work will be conducted under an approved erosion and sedimentation control plan. Material from the overburden storage areas (original soils stripped prior to mine construction) will be placed on top of the regraded surface as final soil cover to support natural growth of vegetation. Openings to surface from underground that are non-essential will be plugged and capped with engineered concrete or steel plugs to ensure future access cannot happen either purposefully or not. All precipitation that contacts these locations will continue to be collected and monitored for water quality and treated before being discharged. After removal of all class 3 structures, it is anticipated that water quality of run-off being collected and treated will already begin to improve.

Class 1 structures will remain in place into perpetuity. Concurrently with the placement of tailings on the TMF, the TMF will be reclaimed through progressive capping and revegetating. Therefore, the final reclamation will be to cover the TMF with an engineered clay or silt cap constructed from local borrow sources. After it is capped and contoured to support precipitation drainage, the TMF will be covered with a final soil layer using the remaining material from the overburden storage areas. This will support regrowth of natural vegetation and long term, permanent erosion control. Precipitation that falls on the TMF will drain off

around the perimeter of the facility. The restoration design will include appropriately sized and constructed drainage features to handle storm events, consistent with DEP's stormwater management requirements. With all the class 1 and class 3 structures being closed or removed, the remaining site features will not adversely impact the water quality of run-off that is being collected and treated prior to discharge. After roughly 1-year post-complete closure, it is anticipated that the drainage water from site will be back to historical quality and no longer require treatment. After this has been confirmed, Wolfden will decommission, remove and sell the water management facility. The water management facility will be excavated and inert material (demolition debris) placed underground and the area recontoured. A final engineered plug will be placed in the portal area to completely and permanently block access to any underground workings.

Once final reclamation work is completed, continued post-closure monitoring of surface water and groundwater will take place for a duration that is specified in the DEP mining permit. Within the first year, samples will be taken frequently, following the sampling requirements established for operating the property. Within the second year, sampling intervals will decrease as confidence in the quality of closure increases. This will continue for 5 years until the sampling frequency is minimized to one time per year. The frequency of monitoring will be established statistically based on water quality trends and data.

The property will then be rezoned. Land use restrictions and deed covenants will be instituted over land occupied by the tailings facility to ensure that no industrial or commercial activity occurs over that portion of the site post closure.

Beneficial re-use of the property will include timber harvesting as it occurs presently outside the TMF footprint. Also, the portal will be closed in a manner that will allow entry underground to bats, providing valuable habitat. Recreational uses will be allowed on the property including fishing, hunting, hiking, ATV's, snowmobiles, etc. Restriction would be placed on the TMF in order to protect that area from damage by off road vehicles. In order to ensure protection of the TMF area, a series of permanent signs will be posted around the perimeter restricting access to authorized personnel only. In addition, if any future transfer of land ownership were to take place, the deed would restrict the use of heavy equipment or any small vehicles and recreational vehicles within the TMF area, to ensure that damage to the cover of the TMF is mitigated.