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May 1, 2017

Mr. Tom Thorson
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RE: Permit to Mine 248C / Snyder Ranch Amendment
Letter from David G. Ditto Dated 4/24/17

Dear Tom:

You have repeatedly assured me that you will complete all mining and reclamation activities in the former Snyder/Butts ranch area on or before April 30, 2020. Consistent with your assurance, my grandson assigned to you the bentonite on his mining claims TTT #10 and TTT #11 until April 30, 2020. TTT Ranch Company has never denied you access to those mining claims, nor has it demanded payment of surface damages for your mining or reclamation activities there. Had you wished to apply for a mine permit amendment describing and affecting *only the lands within mining claims TTT #10 and TTT #11* (NW¼NE¼ and S½NE¼ of Section 11; and NE¼NW¼ and S½NW¼ of Section 13, T.41N., R.81W.), I would have signed DEQ Form 8, Landowner Consent to your proposed mine and reclamation plan – *provided it* did not affect any other lands owned or controlled by TTT Ranch Company and it required completion of all mining and reclamation activities on or before April 30, 2020.

Instead of proposing an amendment limited to mining and reclamation activities only on TTT #10 and TTT #11 through April 30, 2020, you proposed the Snyder Ranch Amendment, which includes considerable other lands on or adjacent to the former Snyder/Butts ranch area. I offered to sign DEQ Form 8, Landowner Consent to your proposed Snyder Ranch Amendment mine and reclamation plan in consideration for the conveyance of all of your mineral interests and access road rights in or adjacent to the former Snyder/Butts ranch area upon completion of your mining and reclamation activities by April 30, 2020 (“the Offer”). You accepted the Offer by letter dated January 31, 2017. In reliance on your written acceptance of the Offer, I sent you an executed Surface Use Agreement memorializing the terms. I apologize for the delay in finalizing the documents; the legal descriptions for your mineral interests in and adjacent to the Snyder/Butts ranch area are complex. We have an agreement regarding your proposed Snyder Ranch

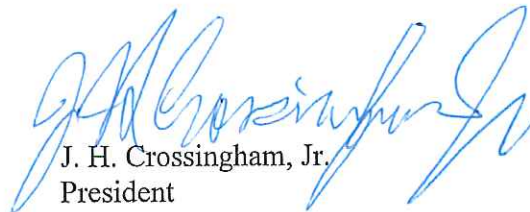
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Amendment, and I trust you will proceed in good faith with execution of the Surface Use Agreement and the documents conveying your mineral and access rights in and adjacent to the Snyder/Butts ranch area effective April 30, 2020. Upon receipt of the executed documents, I will sign DEQ Form 8, Landowner Consent to your proposed Snyder Ranch Amendment.

It appears your counsel is unaware that you accepted the Offer in writing. He has threatened to sue for breach of contract under the Assignment of mining claims TTT #10 and TTT #11, despite the fact that you have never been denied access to those mining claims or received a demand for payment of surface damages there. Further, he has threatened to seek an order from the Environmental Quality Council in lieu of landowner consent on all of the lands within your proposed Snyder Ranch Amendment. As you know, I previously sent you a map identifying the lands within your proposed Snyder Ranch Amendment upon which you have no legal right to mine. There are hundreds of acres within the boundaries of Mine Permit 248C upon which you have no legal right to mine, so his threat poses a risk to your existing mine permit. Please confirm that you have directed your counsel to withdraw his threat of legal action.

I look forward to receiving the signed documents memorializing our agreement.

Sincerely,



J. H. Crossingham, Jr.
President

cc: David G. Ditto