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May 16, 2017

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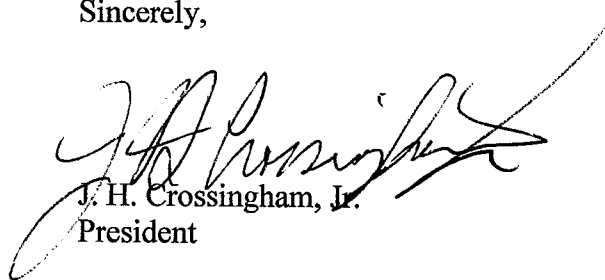
RE: Permit to Mine 248C / Snyder Ranch Amendment

Dear Tom:

All correspondence I received from Black Hills Bentonite, LLC prior to your letter dated January 31, 2017, described the proposed Snyder Ranch Amendment as an area including lands in Sections 2, 11, and 13, T.41N., R.81W. Upon receipt of your 1/31/17 letter accepting my offer to sign DEQ Form 8, Landowner Consent to your mine and reclamation plan on those lands, I began preparation of the documents to close the transaction. Your employee subsequently interfered with our contract by revising the Snyder Ranch Amendment mine and reclamation plan. Your bad faith has cost me considerable time and resources.

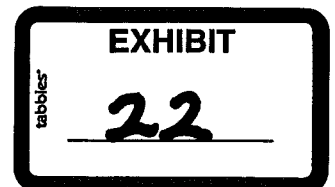
Consistent with consistent the terms of the Assignment, enclosed is a signed DEQ Form 8, Landowner Consent to your the Snyder Ranch Amendment mine and reclamation plan.

Sincerely,



J. H. Crossingham, Jr.
President

cc: David G. Ditto



SURFACE LANDOWNER'S CONSENT

I, James H. Crossingham, Jr., President of TTT Ranch Company, CERTIFY that I hold surface access rights on the following lands on which Black Hills Bentonite, LLC holds mineral estate rights:

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| SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ | Section 13, T. 41 N., R. 81 W. |
| E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ | Section 13, T. 41 N., R. 81 W. |
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| S ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ | Section 13, T. 41 N., R. 81 W. |

County of Johnson.

I have examined the mining and reclamation plans for the Snyder Ranch Amendment, prepared by Black Hills Bentonite, LLC in compliance with the Wyoming ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, and do hereby approve said plans, and give my consent to enter and carry out said mining and reclamation programs on the above-described lands as proposed therein, *subject to the following conditions and provisions:*

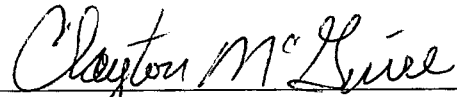
- (1) This Surface Landowner Consent applies only to the above-described lands and the Snyder Ranch Amendment, and shall not be construed as TTT Ranch Company's consent to any other activities by Black Hills Bentonite, LLC;
- (2) Black Hills Bentonite, LLC shall complete all mining and reclamation activities on the above-described land before April 30, 2020;
- (3) This Surface Landowner Consent to the Snyder Ranch Amendment mine and reclamation plan shall expire on April 30, 2020; AND
- (4) Effective April 30, 2020, Black Hills Bentonite, LLC shall have no right of access on or to the above-described land.

I do hereby also grant unrestricted access to the mine site to the Department of Environmental Quality, Land Quality Division to enter and carry out mine inspections on said lands during normal business hours.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2017.



Surface Landowner (Signature)
James H. Crossingham, Jr.
President, TTT Ranch Company

 5/16/17

Witness (Signature) Date
Clayton McGuire