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A Limited Liability Company

Manufacturers of High-Grade Wyoming Bentonite Since 1947

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August 24, 2021

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Bruce & Betty Jean Firnekas
521 South Hamilton
Powell, Wyoming 82435

**RE: Permit to Mine No. 248C - Murphy Creek Update Area
2021 Mine Plan Revision**

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Firnekas:

I have enclosed for your review and approval, a mine plan revision (MPR) associated with Black Hills Bentonite's Permit to Mine No. 248C - Murphy Creek Update Area.

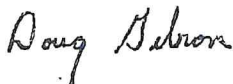
One of the requirements of the MPR application is that the surface owner examines and approves the mining and reclamation plans for the permit and sign a Surface Landowner Consent Form, attesting to the landowner's approval of the mining and reclamation plans.

Please review the enclosed mine and reclamation plans pertaining to the lands you own in Section 1, T.41N., R.83W., and if these plans meet your approval, please sign and return the enclosed Surface Landowner Consent Form to me.

Also, to my knowledge there is currently no Surface Use Agreement between you and Black Hills Bentonite (BHB) for this area that would provide compensation for each acre that BHB would disturb. At your earliest convenience, please contact me so that BHB can begin discussing with you, terms of a potential Surface Use Agreement.

If you should have any questions or comments concerning this mine plan revision, or would like to discuss a Surface Use Agreement, please contact me at 307-234-6470.

Sincerely,



Doug Gibson
Environmental Technician

SURFACE LANDOWNER'S CONSENT

We, Bruce & Betty Jean Firnekas, CERTIFY that we hold surface access rights on the following lands on which Black Hills Bentonite, LLC holds mineral estate rights (Warranty Deed – April 17, 1991):

N½	Section	1	T.41N.,	R.83W.

County of Johnson.

We have examined the mining and reclamation plans, prepared by Black Hills Bentonite, LLC, in compliance with the Wyoming ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, and do hereby approve said plans, and give our consent to enter and carry out said mining and reclamation programs on said lands as proposed therein. We 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 _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Bruce Firnekas (Signature)

Bruce Firnekas
Name (printed or typed)

Betty Jean Firnekas (Signature)

Betty Jean Firnekas
Name (printed or typed)

Witness (Signature)

(Date)

Witness Name (printed or typed)