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Minutes of the
Board of Minerals and Environment
Telephone Conference Call

April 15, 2021
10:00 a.m. Central Time

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Glenn Blumhardt. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Blumhardt, Gregg Greenfield, Dennis Landguth, Doyle Karpen, Daryl Englund, Bob Morris, Jessica Peterson, and John Scheetz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Rex Hagg.

OTHERS: Tom Cline, Roberta Hudson, and Mike Lees, Minerals and Mining Program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2021, MEETING: Motion by Morris, seconded by Karpen, to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021, Board of Minerals and Environment meeting. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

MINING ISSUES CONSENT CALENDAR: Prior to the meeting, the board received a table listing the department recommendations for transfer of liability and releases of liability (see attachment).

Motion by Landguth, seconded by Karpen, to accept the department recommendation for transfer of liability and releases of liability, as shown on the consent calendar. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

RELEASE OF LAIBILITY AND SURETY FOR JAMES L. DEAN, EXPLORATION NOTICE OF INTENT 415: Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, reported that James Dean was issued Exploration Notice of Intent, EXNI-415, in September 2011 to excavate a 5,000-ton bulk sample from a slate outcropping along Gimlet Creek, approximately 3.5 miles east of Rochford, SD.

In 2012, Mr. Dean excavated approximately 100 tons from the outcropping. There was no further exploration activity at this site, and Mr. Dean began reclamation of the site in 2016. Mr. Dean requested release of liability in September 2020.

The department conducted a final inspection on September 16, 2020 and determined the site had been successfully reclaimed. The department contacted the US Forest Service to verify whether they found the reclamation acceptable. The department received a response from Karl Emanuel, US

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Forest Service, on March 26, 2021 stating the Forest Service had completed its review and had no objections to the closure of this project or to the release of liability for the site.

The department recommended that the board release the reclamation liability and Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 7311000423, First Interstate Bank, Hill City, South Dakota, in the amount of \$3,800.

In response to a question from Mr. Morris, Ms. Hudson stated that EXNI-415 is for mineral exploration, and if the board approves the release of the reclamation liability and the Irrevocable Letter of Credit, EXNI-415 will be closed.

Motion by Morris, seconded by Englund, to release the reclamation liability and Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 7311000423, First Interstate Bank, Hill City, South Dakota, in the amount of \$3,800. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 1-25-1: There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2021, in Pierre.

ADJOURN: Motion by Karpen, seconded by Peterson, that the meeting be adjourned. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

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Secretary	Date	Witness	Date

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<u>License Holder</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Surety Amount</u>	<u>Surety Company or Bank</u>	<u>DENR Recommendation</u>
<u>Transfer of Liability:</u>					
Jason Lick Rosholt, SD	87-351		\$4,000	Great Western Bank, Rosholt	Transfer liability.
		351004		NW1/4 NW1/4 & S1/2 NW1/4 Section 8; T127N-R52W, Roberts County	
Transfer to:					
Daren Koepp Claire City, SD	21-1089		\$500	First Savings Bank, Sisseton	
<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
LG Everist Inc. & Subsidiaries Sioux Falls, SD	83-37		\$20,000	The Aetna Casualty & Surety Company	Release liability.
		37007		S1/2 SE1/4 Section 36; T122N-R52W, Roberts County	

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WM D Scepaniak, Inc. Holdingford, MN	19-1046		\$20,000	Old Republic Surety Company	Release liability.
		1046001	SE1/4 & NE1/4 Section 5; T118N-R50W, Grant County		
		1046003	NW1/4 Section 1; T119N-R51W, Codington County		
		1046004	E1/2 SW1/4 & SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 27; T118N-R51W, Codington County		
		1046005	W1/2 NW1/4 Section 36; T117N-R51W, Codington County		
		1046006	SE1/4 Section 16; T118N-R51W, Codington County		
Corson County Highway Department McIntosh, SD	83-239		EXEMPT	N/A	Release liability.
		239018	NW1/4 Section 11; T21N-R28E, Corson County		