



May 14, 2007

United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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Dear Dennis:

Thank you very much for taking the time to meet with representatives of Hecla Limited (Hecla) and our Washington, D.C. counsel Anthony J. Thompson and Christopher S. Pugsley on May 9, 2007 regarding the license termination process for Hecla's Durita site in the State of Colorado. I appreciate your efforts to assemble all relevant NRC and State of Colorado representatives so that any remaining issues regarding termination of Hecla's license for the Durita site can be pursued in an expeditious manner.

As discussed at this meeting, Hecla intends to conduct an analysis and to prepare a formal response to NRC's report regarding groundwater issues at the Durita site. It is Hecla's intent to submit this response directly to the State of Colorado so that it may be evaluated and incorporated into whatever type of response the State sees fit to submit to NRC. Hecla will continue to consult with the State of Colorado to ensure that its response is submitted in a timely manner and that the response contains all relevant information necessary to answer the questions raised by NRC during our meeting.

Once again, I thank you for taking the time to arrange our meeting and please do not hesitate to contact me or Hecla's counsel if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

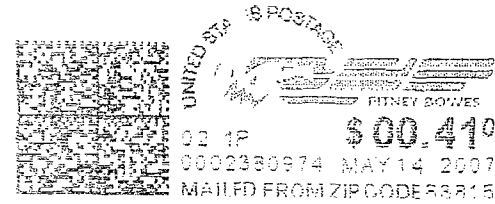
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