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VIA E-MAIL

Mr. David Anderson
Director, Environment and Regulatory Affairs
Aquila Resources
E807 Gerue Street
Stephenson, Michigan 49887

Dear Mr. Anderson:

SUBJECT: Back Forty Mine - Mining Permit Amendment Application - MP 01 2016

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oil, Gas, and Minerals Division (OGMD) confirmed receipt of Aquila Resources' Mining Permit Amendment Application for the Back Forty Project on November 5, 2018. It is the understanding of the DEQ that the proposed changes outlined in the application were made to align the Back Forty Project with feasibility design and the issued wetland permit WRP011785. Upon initial review of the application, the DEQ has determined that the amendment request constitutes a significant change from the conditions of the approved mining permit. Therefore, the review of the application will proceed as specified in Section 63207 (6)(c) of Part 632, Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, as amended.

Once receipt of the application fee, corrected Form 7201, and additional paper copies is confirmed, the DEQ will proceed with scheduling a public meeting and comment period.

Thank you for your attention in this regard. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the telephone number listed below or by e-mail at humphreym@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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File: Back Forty Project, CM9