



January 30, 2018

Tintina Resources Inc.  
Attn: John Shanahan  
Chief Executive Officer  
17 East Main Street  
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645

**Re: Update to Proposed Rail Load Out Facilities for Shipment of Containerized Copper Concentrates**

Dear John,

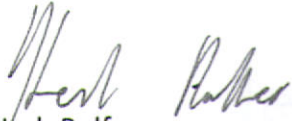
I am responding to your letter dated January 11, 2018 regarding the location of potential load out facilities for shipment of containerized copper concentrates from the proposed Black Butte Copper Project. In the operating permit application for the Black Butte Copper Project dated July 14, 2017, Tintina Resources Inc. (Tintina) proposed four potential locations for the load out facility (Townsend, Livingston, Harlowton and Armington Junction). In your letter, you proposed reducing the potential locations of the load out facility to Townsend and Livingston.

Under Section 82-4-337(2)(a), MCA, an applicant may propose modifications to its operating permit application after issuance of a draft permit but prior to receiving a final permit. If the proposed modifications substantially change the proposed plan of operation or reclamation, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) may terminate the draft permit and begin anew DEQ's review of the application under Section 82-4-337(1), MCA.

Reducing the potential load out facilities from the four initially identified in the operating permit application to the Townsend and Livingston locations is not a substantial change in Tintina's application. The environmental impacts associated with the potential use of the Townsend and Livingston locations would be analyzed to the same extent under the Tintina's original application identifying the four-potential load out facilities or the proposed application modification identifying only the Townsend and Livingston locations. Thus, the proposed application modification does not raise any additional issues to those that would have been analyzed in an environmental review of the original application. Nor does the proposed modification change DEQ's completeness and compliance determination when the draft permit was issued.

As a result of the reduction in potential load out facility locations, the environmental review being conducted for the Black Butte Copper Project will include a Proposed Action identifying only Townsend and Livingston as potential sites for the load out facility. If you have any questions, please contact me at 444-3841 or [hrolfes@mt.gov](mailto:hrolfes@mt.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herb Rolfes". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Herb Rolfes

Operating Permit Section Supervisor

Hard Rock Mining Bureau

Department of Environmental Quality

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