



June 14, 2019

Mr. Jeremy Eddy  
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control  
Mining and Reclamation Section - Division Mining and Solid Waste Management  
Bureau of Land and Waste Management  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Re: Haile Gold Mine Major Modification - Permit No. 1-000601 (Modification 19-2)

Dear Mr. Eddy,

Oceana Gold – Haile Operation (Haile) is submitting this request to modify Mine Permit 1-000601. Haile is seeking to increase the permitted acreage from 4,552 to 5,484 acres but stay within the Haile Gold Mine Creek / Little Lynches River drainage district. With this approval, Haile will increase pit shells for open pit mining, increase overburden and tailings storage facilities, increase mill production and contact water treatment capacities, increase freshwater and contact water storage capacities, and develop the Horseshoe Deposit by mining underground. Optimization would entail fourteen (14) years of active mining with two (2) additional years of processing low grade ore.

The application package contains the \$600.00 application fee for a significant modification to a mine permit and the following documents:

- Form MR-1300 Application to Modify a Mine Operating Permit
- Detailed Project Description for the Proposed Haile Gold Mine Expansion, Revision 1
- Alternative Analyses completed for the Haile Mine Expansion Plan
- Large scale Mine Map entitled General Layout dated July 18, 2018
- Haile Gold Mine's Reclamation Map dated June 3, 2019
- Haile Gold Mine's Site Wide Water Balance Report dated January 29, 2019
- Haile Gold Mine Water Management System Diagram dated June 14, 2019
- Haile Gold Mine's Monitoring and Management Plan dated June 10, 2019
- OceanaGold Haile Operation Emergency Management Control Plan dated February 27, 2019
- OceanaGold's Health/Safety/Environmental Compliance Standards Manual dated August 2014
- Updated list of properties contiguous to the proposed property boundary with tax parcel identification numbers and the mailing address of property owners.

A compact disk with electronic versions of these materials has also been provided. Additional materials needed to support the Haile modification are being finalized (the original MR-1300 signed by the surety company and entry agreements and will be submitted later). Some information regarding mine reclamation is provided within the Project Description, Alternative Analyses Report and Haile Monitoring and Measurement Plan.

The Haile Gold Mine Reclamation Plan is being reviewed and will be submitted later. This will be the starting document for finalizing bonding discussions.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (803) 475-2943.

Sincerely,



Scott McDaniel  
Environmental Manager

Cc: David Thomas – OCG