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Kristina Handt  
City of Scandia  
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Scandia MN, 55073

Re: First Quarterly Reclamation Report, Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project

Dear Kristina,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the City of Scandia with an update on the status of reclamation activities for the Zavoral Mining and Reclamation Project. The Project consists of the mining and reclamation of a 64-acre site (Zavoral Site or Site).

**Status of Reclamation: First Quarter**

For the first quarter of 2014, efforts have been focused on reclamation planning. The project team anticipates that in 2014, reclamation activities will continue in the Phase 1 Reclamation Area and will be initiated in the Phase 2 Reclamation Area and construction will continue on the main access road during 2014.

**Status of Transition Area Establishment**

As a result of the February 18, 2014 City Council meeting, a site visit will be scheduled with the National Park Service, the City and the Washington Conservation District to finalize a plan on the transition areas between the reclaimed prairie and existing woodland. We are hopeful this site visit will occur near the end of May 2014.

**Year One Maintenance of Phase 1 Reclamation (2014):** Tiller has contracted with Minnesota Native Landscapes (MNL) to provide maintenance services for Phase 1 Reclamation following installation. Site vegetation management within Phase 1 Reclamation during 2014 will follow the approved reclamation plan and will include mowing and spot herbicide treatments of weed species that may establish. Critical Connections Ecological Services (CCES) will be working closely with MNL to oversee reclamation implementation and monitor the seeded reclamation area(s) during the 2014 season in order to determine optimum timing and extent of both mowing and spot spraying treatments.



All herbicide applications will be conducted by qualified and licensed professional herbicide applicators. Spot spraying of problematic weed species may include herbicide treatments of Canada Thistle (*Cirsium arvense*), Spotted Knapweed (*Centaurea maculata*), White and Yellow Sweet Clover (*Melilotus alba*, *M. officinalis*), and any other non-native problem plants that currently exist elsewhere on the site.

Trees transplanted during 2013 will continue to be watered as needed throughout the 2014 growing season to help promote the success of the transplant.

**Monitoring in 2014:** During the 2014 growing season, CCES will monitor the progress of the native prairie seeding installed within Phase 1 Reclamation as well as the success of the trees transplanted along the north perimeter of the Site. Reclamation activity progress reports will be submitted to the City of Scandia on a quarterly basis during the 2014 growing season and will document progress on reclamation implementation activity, planning, monitoring, and corrective actions, if any, that need to be taken in 2014 for the newly planted native prairie or for the transition area.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call. I may be reached at (763) 425-4191.

Sincerely,

**Tiller Corporation**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina Morrison', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christina Morrison  
Land Use and Permitting Coordinator