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Ms. Jamie Lancaster Surface Mining Unit Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104 Atlanta, Georgia 30354

Subject: Part 2 Response to EPD Permit Coordination Comments

Twin Pines Minerals, LLC Saunders Demonstration Mine Charlton County, Georgia EPD Mine ID No. 2073

Dear Ms. Lancaster:

Transmitted herewith are additional documents (Part 2) prepared in response to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD's) letter dated April 20, 2021, which provided review comments to the Surface Mining Application, Mining Land Use Plan and Exhibits submitted by Twin Pines Minerals, LLC (TPM) on November 13, 2020; Groundwater Withdrawal Application submitted December 9, 2020; Technical Comments, Soil Amendment Plan and the Subsurface Continuity of Humate-Bearing Sands in the Surficial Aquifer document submitted January 21, 2021; and the Surface Mining Provisions Addendum submitted February 17, 2021. The Part 2 documents provided with this submittal include responses to EPD Comments 5 and 6. These responses consist of:

- Revised Sheet 8 of the MLUP submitted June 25, 2021 which includes the Soil Amendment Plan
- Revised Sheet 14 which includes the supplemental narrative of the MLUP
- Exhibit I "Modeling the Groundwater Flow System at the Proposed Twin Pines Mine on Trail Ridge" prepared by GSI Environmental, Inc.
- Line-by-line response to EPD Comments 5 and 6 see GSI Report Appendix A.
- Response to Comment 5h of the EPD Comments (Jacobs Memorandum "Addendum to the November 12, 2020 Saunders Demonstration Mine Geochemical Testing and Evaluation")

Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely, TTL, Inc.

Sheryle G. Reeves, P.E. Principal Engineer

Enclosures: As noted

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