



January 29, 2008

Dillon Tribune,

**RE: Environmental Assessment Released for an Operating Permit Amendment
for the Regal Mine in Beaverhead County**

Dear Editor:

Please publish the following notice in the legal publication section of the next edition of your newspaper:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has received a request for full bond release for Trapeze Resources LLC Sweetwater Garnet mine site located about 20 miles southeast of Dillon, MT. A partial bond release was conducted in late 2004 and all but \$10,000 was released. The remaining bond was held for reseeding, weed control and other unforeseen eventualities. The site is located in Sections 17, 20, and 21, Township 8 South, Range 6 West, in Beaverhead County and consists of 13 acres.

Although 55 acres were permitted for disturbance, less than 12 acres were actually disturbed by mining or wash plan operation. Final reclamation began in June 2004 and was completed in October 2004. The site was last inspected on July 7, 2007 and a recommendation was made for full bond release for the mine site.

Reclamation bond release procedures are set forth in Section 82-4-338, MCA, of the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. DEQ is publishing the bond release determination in a local newspaper and issuing a press release seeking company and public comments. The company and public will have 30 days to comment or request a hearing. The company or any person with an interest that may be adversely affected by the final bond release may request a contested case hearing before the Board of Environmental Review within the 30 day comment period which ends on March 7, 2008.

Information on the bond release determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, PO Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT. 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolfes, at (406) 444-3841 or email at hrolfes@mt.gov . A decision on the bond release determination will be issued within 30 days of the close of the public comment period or after the hearing if requested.

Please send your *invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication* to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5038 065. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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