

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFIED PERSONS

I, Jeffery W. Choquette, P.E., do hereby certify that:

1. I am currently employed as Principal Engineer by:
Hard Rock Consulting, LLC
7114 W. Jefferson Ave., Ste. 308
Lakewood, Colorado 80235 U.S.A.
2. I am a graduate of Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering in 1995
3. I am a:
 - Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Montana (No. 12265)
 - QP Member in Mining and Ore Reserves in good standing of the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America (No. 01425QP)
4. I have 22-plus years of domestic and international experience in project development, resource and reserve modeling, mine operations, mine engineering, project evaluation, and financial analysis. I have worked for mining and exploration companies for fifteen years and as a consulting engineer for seven years. I have been involved in industrial minerals, base metals and precious metal mining projects in the United States, Canada, Mexico and South America.
5. I have read the definition of “qualified person” set out in National Instrument 43-101 (“NI 43-101”) and certify that by reason of my education, affiliation with a professional association (as defined in NI 43-101) and past relevant work experience, I fulfill the requirements to be a “qualified person” for the purposes of NI 43-101.
6. I was previously involved in the Project during preparation of the NI 43-101 Technical Reports filed in 2017 and 2019, and I personally inspected the Project on July 19 and 20, 2019 and October 14, 2020.
7. I am responsible for the preparation of the report titled “National Instrument 43-101 Technical Report: Updated Mineral Resource Estimate for the Empire Mine Project, Custer County, Idaho, USA,” dated November 25, 2020, with an effective date of October 30, 2020, with specific responsibility for Section 13 of this report.
8. As of the date of this certificate and as of the effective date of the Technical Report, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the Technical Report contains all scientific and technical information required to be disclosed to make the report not misleading.
9. I am independent of the issuer, vendor, and property applying all of the tests in section 1.5 of NI 43-101.
10. I have read National Instrument 43-101 and Form 43-101F1, and the Technical Report has been prepared in compliance with that instrument and form.

Dated this 25th day of November 2020

“Signed” Jeffery W. Choquette

Jeffery W. Choquette, P.E.

Printed name of Qualified Person