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ROYAL GOLD SOIL OPERATION – DATED MAY 17, 2022
(STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2022050376)

Dear Mr. Lazar:

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has reviewed the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND), dated May 17, 2022, for the Royal Gold Soil Operation (Project), located in Glendale, California. The proposed project includes a Conditional Use permit, Special Permit, and Lot Line adjustment to bring an unpermitted potting soil and fertilizer manufacturing business into compliance with local land use regulations.

As discussed in the ISMND, the Project parcels were historically used for lumber mill operations where pentachlorophenol (PCP) was used for wood treatment as a preservative. A Soil and Groundwater Management Plan (SGMP), included in the ISMND as an appendix, is described as the appropriate mitigation measure for all future ground-disturbing activities due to potential remaining contamination on the Project site from past lumber mill uses. The objective of the SGMP is to ensure that no significant impacts occur to nearby sensitive receptors, aquatic species, and water resources.

DTSC is currently conducting a site investigation and evaluating potential remediation methods for the contamination left behind by the historical lumber mill operations at the

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Project site. DTSC recommends that Royal Gold enter in a Standard Voluntary Agreement with DTSC for official review of SGMP to determine its adequacy for use at the Site, especially with respect to protecting human health and the environment.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (510) 540-3881 or via email at Nicole.Yuen@dtsc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Yuen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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