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Ms. Jennifer Engstrom
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Mr. Jeff Udd
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
525 Lake Avenue South, Suite 400
Duluth, MN 55802

Re: Request for Extension to the Milepost 7 Tailings Basin 2019-2023 Five Year Operations Plan and the Milepost 7 Master Permit for Northshore Mining Company

Dear Ms. Engstrom and Mr. Udd,

Northshore Mining Company (Northshore) is working with Barr Engineering, the Engineer of Record, to finalize its draft 2024-2028 Five Year Operations Plan (5YOP) for approval by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). Northshore expects that the draft 5YOP will be submitted to MDNR and MPCA no later than October 31, 2023. Northshore understands that the draft 5YOP will require additional time to review from the MDNR and MPCA. To accommodate the time needed for this review, Northshore is requesting an extension for both (1) the current Milepost 7 Master Permit and (2) the 2019-2023 5YOP until July 1, 2024 or until MDNR approves the 5YOP for 2024-2028, whichever occurs earlier.

Northshore continues to operate its tailings basin in accordance with the tailings volumes contemplated in the current 5YOP due to the reduced production and tailings generation attributed to Northshore being idled for 15 months since early 2020. In addition, Northshore continues to operate at reduced rates compared to assumptions in the 5YOP.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have at (218) 226-6032 or andrea.hayden@clevelandcliffs.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Hayden".

Andrea Hayden, Environmental Manager
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