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Mr. Scott Anderson, Consulting Attorney
Mr. Kyle Vareberg, Planning & Zoning Dept. Administrator
Becker County Planning & Zoning Department
915 Lake Ave.
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

RE: Long Shore Resource Project CUP

Dear Mr. Anderson and Mr. Vareberg,

Strata Corporation, in conjunction with Long Shore Development, LLC, respectfully requests that Becker County temporarily table all further action on our Conditional Use Permit application. This request is due to the fact that we intend to make several revisions to our Long Shore Resource Project's Mining & Reclamation Plan in the near future.

In a sincere and compromising effort to address public concerns that have been raised, we intend to make the following revisions to our Project plans;

- 1) To eliminate mining into the water table in Mine Area #5. This would in turn eliminate concerns of potential environmental impacts to Long Lake.
- 2) To eliminate mining in the far northeast area of Mine Area #4. This would help to alleviate concerns of potential environmental impacts to nearby property owners (Concordia College and others).
- 3) To eliminate mining and/or aggregate processing activities on the Project Site during the summer tourist season, from Memorial Day (last Monday in May) until Labor Day (first Monday in September). This would help to alleviate concerns of potential impacts to tourism and summer lake residences.

These proposed revisions will have very significant logistical and financial impacts upon our company's long range planning, and subsequently we expect it will take a few weeks to incorporate all these revisions into our Mining & Reclamation Plan, CAD Maps, etc. Once these revisions are completed, we will then submit them to Becker County for their review and consideration.

Following my discussion with the County and Mr. Anderson, I want it to be clear that Strata Corporation will waive the 60 day rule (MN Statute 15.99 Subp. 2) if the County grants our request to table further action on our CUP Application. In that event we will agree to a date mutually acceptable by which a decision would be made.

Thank you and with best regards,

Bill LaFond, Business Development Manager