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November 12, 2020

Mr. Barry Hildred, President and CEO
Aquila Resources, Inc.
E807 Gerue St.
Stephenson, MI 49887

Re: Back Forty Mine

Dear Mr. Hildred:

I have been a supporter of the Back Forty Mine project for many years. In the past, as a state representative, I spoke at public hearings in favor of the project, and I also assisted in passing legislation that made the permitting process fairer to all parties involved.

Currently, I am serving Michigan as a State Senator for the 38th District, which spans most of the Upper Peninsula. I have been involved in our state Lfor the past decade. The Aquila team always keeps me up to date, and I appreciate their openness. The meetings are informative and help me to provide answers to questions from my constituents regarding the mine.

Recently, I learned of your company's proposal to assist Menominee County by offering to house the 911 network equipment on your proposed communications tower. The expanded coverage for first responders is needed in that area of the county, so thank you for your willingness to assist the county. The gesture demonstrates your commitment to the community and, perhaps, the beginning of a partnership with Menominee County moving forward.

If you need any assistance with the project, please reach out to my office. We will continue to help you advance towards construction.

Sincerely,

Ed McBroom, Senator
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