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October 24, 2025

Ms. Cherie Harms  
President  
Leonardite Products, LLC  
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Dear Ms. Harms:

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Sincerely,

Jonathan Emmer  
Director  
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cc via email only: Miroslav Zvyagelskiy (miroslav@leonarditeproducts.com)

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Mr. Josh Alexander  
Bureau of Land Management  
Billings Field Office  
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Mr. Edward Kraft  
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Bureau of Land Management  
ND Field Office  
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ekraft@blm.gov

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Mr. Luke Toso  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
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Mr. Jeb Williams, Director  
ND Game and Fish Department  
100 North Bismarck Expressway  
Bismarck, ND 58501-5095  
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Mr. Richard Webb  
State Resource Conservationist  
Natural Resource Conservative Service  
PO Box 1458  
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Mr. David Glatt  
Director  
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality  
4201 Normandy Street  
Bismarck, ND 58503-1324  
dglatt@nd.gov

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North Dakota Department of Water Resources  
C/O Project Review  
1200 Memorial Hwy, Dept 770  
Bismarck, ND 58504  
dwrprojectreview@nd.gov

Dear Project Review Team:

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State Historical Society of ND  
612 East Blvd Ave  
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Mr. Tom Claeys  
State Forester  
N.D. Forest Service  
916 E Interstate Ave #4  
Bismarck, ND 58503  
thomas.claeys@ndsu.edu

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North Dakota Parks & Recreation  
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cjschulz@nd.gov

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**Leonardite Products LLC**  
**Revision 12, Permit GRGR-0501**  
**Application**

**Case No. RC-25-169**

**REVISION OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN**  
**SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**

**October 23, 2025**

Based on the application for **Revision Number 12 to Permit Number GRGR-0501 received April 17, 2025**, and all information and documentation contained therein, the North Dakota Public Service Commission finds that:

1. The permit revision application received on April 17, 2025, is complete and accurate and the applicant has complied with the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code.
2. The Commission's other findings made when the permit was issued and updated with subsequent permit revisions remain applicable to the revised operation and reclamation plans.

**Revision Number 12 to Permit Number GRGR-0501 held by Leonardite Products LLC is hereby conditionally approved to identify the next five-year commercial leonardite removal areas and update the legal, environmental resources, operation, and reclamation permit sections for the next five-year permit term as described in the permit revision application received April 17, 2025.**

The approved revision is subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the conditions of the approved permit, and any additional or revised permit conditions listed on attached PSC Reclamation Form - 3. Pursuant to Section 38-14.1-23 of the North Dakota Century Code and Article 69-05.2 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, this revision was found to be a significant alteration to the previously approved permit.

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**Commissioner**

  
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**Commissioner**

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**  
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**Leonardite Products LLC  
Renewal 4, Permit GRGR-0501  
Application**

**Case No. RC-25-170**

**RENEWAL OF PERMIT TO ENGAGE IN  
SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS**

**October 23, 2025**

Based on the application received April 17, 2025, Renewal Number 4 to Permit Number GRGR-0501 is hereby granted to Leonardite Products LLC to renew the permit subject to the requirements of Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, and the rules promulgated there under, on the following described areas:

**Portions of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, T154N, R100W, Williams County, North Dakota containing 67.1 acres.**

This five-year permit renewal will allow Leonardite Products LLC to continue to operate under approved mining and reclamation plans for this permit area at the Stony Creek Mine until November 2, 2030. Permit GRGR-0501 is covered by collateral bond CB-LC-GRGR-0501-06 in the amount of \$427,029 that is supported by an irrevocable standby letter of credit from BNC National Bank.

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**SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION PERMIT CONDITIONS**

**SPECIAL CONDITION NO. 2**

**October 23, 2025**

**Revision No. 12 to Surface Coal Mining Permit Number GRGR-0501** has been issued to **Leonardite Products LLC**, subject to Chapter 38-14.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, all the rules promulgated thereunder, and the following condition:

- Leonardite Products LLC shall submit the necessary bonding instruments to increase the bonding amount for Permit GRGR-0501 to at least \$648,439.16 by the end of the first quarter of 2026.

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