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October 24, 2025

Ms. Cherie Harms
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Dear Ms. Harms:

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Enclosed are the original permit revision and renewal award forms and the special condition attached to Revision No. 12. If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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

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Natural Resource Conservative Service
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North Dakota Department of Water Resources
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Mr. Tom Claeys
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Mr. Cody Schulz, Director
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Beth Innis
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The Honorable Howard Klug
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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
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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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



Sheri Haugen-Hoffart
Commissioner



Randy Christmann
Chair



Jill Kringstad
Commissioner

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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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION



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Leonardite Products LLC
Revision 12, Permit GRGR-0501
Application

Case No. RC-25-169

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.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


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