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HOLLIDAY FOUNDATION RESPONSE ON DRAFT CLEANUP & ABATEMENT ORDER FOR CENTRAL, CHERRY HILL, EMPIRE, AND WEST END MINES, COLUSA COUNTY

We have reviewed your letter received on the 4 June 2009 stating that the Helen W. Holliday Foundation (Holliday Foundation) "...to the best of its knowledge, did not own any property in California." We have documents showing to the contrary that the Holliday Foundation received ownership of APN 018-200-004-000 in Colusa County as part of a distribution of a will on 22 December 1975 (Enclosed). Also, on 1 July 1993 Homestake Mining Company (Homestake) surrendered all rights, title and interest in and to a Mining Lease dated 20 October 1978, between Homestake and the Holliday Foundation (Enclosed). These documents demonstrate that the Holliday Foundation owned property in the mine cleanup area and leased that property to a mining company.

Because the Helen W. Holliday Foundation either own, have owned, or have operated the mining sites where the Mines are located and where mining waste has been discharged Holliday Foundation is considered a Discharger. The Mines have discharged and continue to discharge or threatens to erode mining waste into waters of the state, where it has created or threatens to create a condition of pollution or nuisance.

Should you have any questions, please email me at vizzo@waterboards.ca.gov or call me at (916) 464-4626.

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Enclosure(s): Will Distribution
Surrender of Mining Lease

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