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Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources
1313 Sherman St., Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203
Attention: Allen C. Sorenson, Reclamation Specialist

Re:

Centennial Project, Site Characterization Plan

Dear Mr. Sorenson:

This letter confirms that the Site Characterization Plan (SCP) submitted by R Squared Inc. (R<sup>2</sup>) on April 8, 2009 was prepared and submitted at the request of Powertech (USA) Inc. in furtherance of our efforts to define the Centennial project during the prospecting phase in accordance with our filed Notice of Intent. We believe the same information contained in the SCP as well as any additional information collected thereafter will undoubtedly be used in support of Powertech's efforts in applying for an in situ mining operation pursuant to 34-32-112.5(5) C.R.S., once the prospecting-related work is completed. Powertech is providing herewith two maps (plates) on CD that depict the sampling locations described in the SCP. The maps on the CD are not marked confidential and are available to be placed in the public file.

The SCP was developed after discussions with DRMS and is considered by Powertech to be the finalization of the Centennial Sampling and Analysis Plan that DRMS reviewed in late 2007 and early 2008. Powertech believes the SCP and the activities described therein to be 'prospecting' activities previously authorized under Notices of Intent to Conduct Prospecting, P-2007-15 and P-2008-43. Consequently, Powertech asserts that review of the sampling activities by a third party consultant is not contemplated by the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Powertech further asserts that third party review of these prospecting-related sampling activities would be redundant and unnecessary, and result in unnecessary delays and costs.

We trust the Site Characterization Plan satisfies the needs of the Division. Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions or comments.

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Sincerely,

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**Enclosure** 

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