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Ms. Roberta Walls:

On January 28, 2022, you contacted the Forest Service regarding the ownership and bond status of the Bend and Reef deposits. You outlined the following:

- Aquila Resources USA sold their Wisconsin assets and interest in the Reef deposit to Gold Resources Company USA, and their interest in the Bend deposit to Green Light Metals.
- Gold Resources later sold the interest in the Reef deposit to Green Light.
- Gold Resources has requested relinquishment of Aquila's bond #1066437 for exploration work conducted on the Reef and Bend deposits and to obtain a Certificate of Completion under Wis. Admin. Code s. NR 130.112(2) for the Bend deposit work.
- All exploration boreholes Aquila installed at the Bend deposit under Exploration License #40001 have been closed. However, outstanding work at the Reef deposit needs to remain covered by a bond.
- Green Light has agreed to take responsibility for the outstanding work at the Reef deposit and has secured a bond that covers the work.
- As a result of the above, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has granted Gold Resources a Certificate of Completion for the eight (8) boreholes installed by Aquila at the Bend deposit, and authorized termination of the bond.

Thank you for contacting us with this information.

This letter confirms that the Forest Service has no objection to either the issuance of the Certificate of Completion or the termination of the bond associated with the Bend deposit. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Megan Luick, Minerals Program Manager, at [megan.luick@usda.gov](mailto:megan.luick@usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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