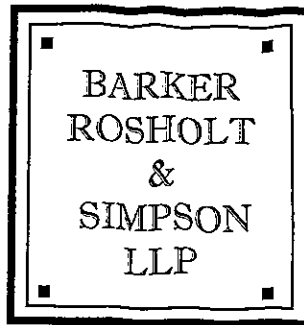


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Re: **Hecla Mining Company**

Dear Agent:

Please be advised that the undersigned now represents Hecla Mining Company, and all correspondence regarding Hecla Mining Company's water rights should be addressed to me as follows:

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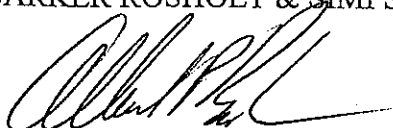
Our records indicate that the following water rights within the jurisdiction of your office are involved:

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77-07014; 77-07285; 77-07292; 77-07293; 77-07294

Please let me know if your records differ in any way on Hecla Mining Company's water rights. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Michael B. White

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