



BACK FORTY PROJECT

Jobs and Economic Growth for Our Future

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Dear Community Leader:

Because you play an important role in Lake Township, Menominee County and the surrounding area, we wanted to update you on an important development regarding Aquila Resources' progress on the Back Forty Project. We know you care about the future of our community and the Upper Peninsula, and we have reached an important milestone on this mining project that bodes well for the future.

We are pleased to inform you that on November 12, 2015, we filed our formal application with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for permits to proceed with this major economic development project. To date, more than \$70 million has been invested in preparing for and researching this project. This marks a significant milestone in the project, and it also underscores our commitment to making this economic development project a reality. The Back Forty will be fully owned and operated by Aquila.

The Back Forty Project will have a significant economic impact to Lake Township and Menominee County, including:

- Creating a number of new, long-term jobs with benefits
- Generating new tax revenue for local and state governments
- Providing an economic boost for local businesses
- Strengthening the economic future of the community

Aquila is completely committed to this project and views the Back Forty Project as a critical effort for our organization. We have a strong management group and local project team in place that are dedicated to making this a reality, and our initial filing shows that we are committed to meeting or exceeding Michigan's stringent environmental regulations to protect the environment for generations to come. We believe that environmental responsibility and good business go hand-in-hand, and we support environmentally responsible mining operations in strict accordance with all applicable laws and guidelines.

We look forward to working collaboratively with the community and maintaining an open dialogue to obtain regular feedback about the Back Forty Project as we move through the permitting process. There will be several opportunities for public comments, community feedback and information sharing, and we support a transparent process that offers many options for community input.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions, and I encourage you to visit our website at www.aquilaresources.com/projects/back-forty-project for more information. We sincerely appreciate your interest, and we would welcome the opportunity to personally meet and talk with you about this important economic development project.

Thank you, and I look forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,

Barry Hildred
CEO
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