

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

December 30, 2015

Connie J. Cook Chief Financial Officer Trecora Resources 1650 Hwy 6 S, Suite 190 Sugar Land, TX 77478

**Re:** Trecora Resources

**Registration Statement on Form S-3** 

Filed December 4, 2015 File No. 333-208335

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

Filed March 13, 2015 File No. 001-33926

Dear Ms. Cook:

We have limited our review of your registration statement to those issues we have addressed in our comments. We have also reviewed your periodic filings and have comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to comments on your periodic filings within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

#### Registration Statement on Form S-3 Filed December 4, 2015

#### General

1. This letter includes comments relating to your Exchange Act filings and disclosures. Once we indicate that we have no further comments in that regard, you will be in a position to request accelerated effectiveness for your Form S-3 registration statement.

#### Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

Please respond to these comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or advise us as soon as possible when you will respond. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances, please tell us why in your response.

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- 2. We note you own a 35% interest in Al Masane Al Kobra Mining Company (AMAK) and have significant influence over AMAK's operating and financial policies. Please amend your filing and disclose the following information for each of your material mining properties:
  - A description of all interests in your properties, including the terms of all underlying agreements and royalties.
  - Describe the process by which mineral rights are acquired at this location and the basis and duration of your mineral rights, surface rights, mining claims or concessions.
  - Please include certain identifying information, such as the property names, claim/grant numbers, mining concession name or number, and dates of recording and expiration that is sufficient to enable the claims to be distinguished from other claims that may exist in the area of your properties.
  - The conditions that must be met to retain your claims or leases, including quantification and timing of all necessary payments, annual maintenance fees, and disclose who is responsible for paying these fees.
  - The area of your claims, either in hectares or in acres.

Please ensure that you fully discuss the material terms of the land or mineral rights securing agreements, as required under paragraph (b)(2) of Industry Guide 7.

- 3. Please modify your filing and disclose the information required under paragraph (b) of Industry Guide 7 for all your material mining properties listed under this heading. For any properties identified that are not material, please include a statement to that effect, clarifying your intentions. For each material property, include the following information:
  - The location and means of access to your property, including the modes of transportation utilized to and from the property.
  - Any conditions that must be met in order to obtain or retain title to the property, whether you have surface and/or mineral rights.
  - A brief description of the rock formations and mineralization of existing or potential economic significance on the property.
  - A description of any work completed on the property and its present condition.

- The details as to modernization and physical condition of the plant and equipment, including subsurface improvements and equipment.
- A description of equipment, infrastructure, and other facilities.
- The current state of exploration of the property.
- The total costs incurred to date and all planned future costs.
- The source of power and water that can be utilized at the property.
- If applicable, provide a clear statement that the property is without known reserves and the proposed program is exploratory in nature.

You may refer to Industry Guide 7, paragraphs (b) (1) through (5), for specific guidance pertaining to the foregoing, available on our website at the following address: www.sec.gov/about/forms/industryguides.pdf

- 4. Please amend your filing and insert a small-scale map showing the location and access to each material mining property, as required by Instruction 3(b) to Item 102 of Regulation S-K. Please note the EDGAR program now accepts maps in certain electronic formats, so please include these maps in your amendments uploaded to EDGAR. For more information, please consult the EDGAR manual, and if additional assistance is required, please call Filer Support at (202) 551-8900 for Post-Acceptance Filing Issues or (202) 551-3600 for Pre-Acceptance Filing Issues. We believe the guidance in Instruction 3(b) of Rule 102 of Regulation S-K would generally require maps and drawings to comply with the following features:
  - A legend or explanation showing, by means of pattern or symbol, every pattern or symbol used on the map or drawing.
  - A graphical bar scale should be included. Additional representations of scale such as "one inch equals one mile" may be utilized provided the original scale of the map has not been altered.
  - A north arrow.
  - An index map showing where the property is situated in relationship to the state or province, etc., in which it was located.
  - A title of the map or drawing, and the date on which it was drawn.
  - In the event interpretive data is submitted in conjunction with any map, the identity of the geologist or engineer that prepared such data.

Any drawing should be simple enough or of sufficiently large scale to clearly show all features on the drawing.

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- 5. We note your disclosure of your AMAK July 2012 proven and probable reserves in this section. Please modify your filing and update your reserve to coincide to your fiscal year end of December 31, 2014.
- 6. Please amend your filing and disclose the following information within or adjacent to your reserve tables:
  - A statement clarifying the extent to which your reserve estimates incorporate losses for mine dilution and mining recovery.
  - The cutoff grade.
  - The metallurgical recovery factor for each of your mines.
  - All historic three-year average commodity prices and currency conversion factors that were used to estimate your reserves.
  - A statement indicating whether your resource estimates are inclusive of exclusive of your reserve estimates.
- 7. Please modify your filing and disclose whether or not a reserve audit has been performed over the last three years.
- 8. Please amend your filing and disclose your annual production as required by Item 102 of Regulation S-K Instruction 3. This would include your tonnage mined with the average assay values, tonnage milled with average assay values, metallurgical recoveries, concentrate assay values, and quantities of metals sold with the values received.

#### **Closing Comments**

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Act of 1933 and all applicable Securities Act rules require. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

Notwithstanding our comments, in the event you request acceleration of the effective date of the pending registration statement, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- should the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, declare the filing effective, it does not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing;
- the action of the Commission or the staff, acting pursuant to delegated authority, in declaring the filing effective, does not relieve the company from its full responsibility for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments and the declaration of effectiveness as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. Please allow adequate time for us to review any amendment prior to the requested effective date of the registration statement.

You may contact Donald Delaney, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3863, or Brad Skinner, Senior Assistant Chief Accountant, at (202) 551-3489, if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. You may contact George Schuler, Mining Engineer, at (202) 551-3718 with questions about engineering comments. Please contact Anuja A. Majmudar at (202) 551-3844 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Brad Skinner for

H. Roger Schwall Assistant Director Office of Natural Resources