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**South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) at  
Sanford Underground Research Facility (SURF)  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

In consideration for being permitted to enter upon the property of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (referred to in this document as the “Authority”) located in and near Lead, South Dakota, including both the surface property and the underground workings and facilities owned by the Authority (referred to in this document as the “Authority’s Surface Property” or the “Authority’s Underground Property” and collectively, the “Authority’s Property”), which permission was granted at my request, I do hereby freely and knowingly state, declare, and agree as follows:

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ 1. I have independently investigated the risks to my health, life, and safety and the risks of damage to my property resulting from my entry, presence, and activities upon and in the Authority’s Property, including both the surface property and the underground property. Based upon that investigation, I have developed an informed understanding of the risks to me and my property resulting from my entry, presence, and activities upon either or both of the Authority’s Surface Property and the Authority’s Underground Property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Without limiting the generality of paragraph 1 above, I am aware that the Authority’s Surface Property is a former commercial mine which includes and contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical connections and conduits, open catwalks and other elevated walkways, apparent and hidden hazards of tripping or falling, industrial and mining chemicals and other agents, naturally-occurring minerals, naturally-occurring land and environmental conditions that are potentially hazardous, fully or partially reclaimed mine facilities (including, but not limited to, open pits, underground mine workings, process plants and waste rock areas), possible air-borne contaminants, high-pressure lines and vessels, falling or low-hanging items that present a risk of head injury and numerous other serious apparent, and unapparent risks to my health, life and safety and risks of damage to my property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Without limiting the generality of paragraph number 1 above, I am further aware that in addition to the risks associated with the Authority’s Surface Property described in paragraph 2 above, the Authority’s Underground Property is also a former commercial mine and it also includes and contains heavy machinery, high-voltage electrical connections, and conduits, open catwalks and other elevated walkways, underground mine workings, apparent and hidden hazards of tripping or falling, industrial and mining chemicals and agents, naturally-occurring minerals, naturally-occurring geologic and environmental conditions that are potentially hazardous, possible air-borne contaminants, high-pressure lines and vessels and falling or low-hanging rock or other items that present a risk of head injury. I am further aware that going underground involves a substantial risk of underground fires, underground floods, roof falls and collapse, failure of lifts, hoists and ventilation equipment, suffocation, being trapped, being crushed to death and numerous other serious apparent and unapparent risks to my health, life and safety, and risks of damage to my property.

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(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 4. I acknowledge I have the time, knowledge, and experience to make an intelligent choice concerning whether to assume the risks associated with my entry, and activities upon or in the Authority's Surface Property, the Authority's Underground Property, or both.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 5. I do hereby voluntarily, freely, and unconditionally assume any and all risk of damage to my health, personal injury, death, and damage to my property in any way associated with my entry, presence, or activities upon, in, or around Authority's Surface Property and the Authority's Underground Property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 6. I acknowledge that I have been given a safety briefing or safety training, and I agree to abide by guidelines explained during that briefing or training.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 7. In the interest of safety and security, I agree that any person or property may be subject to inspection by Authority personnel at any time I am on Authority property.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 8. I acknowledge that my failure to comply with any applicable law, regulation, rule, or policy (including the guidelines explained during my safety briefing or safety training) is grounds for the Authority to immediately revoke my permission to enter Authority's Property, to order me to immediately leave the Authority's Property, and to deny me future access to the Authority's Property. I agree to immediately comply with all directions given by the Authority to me pursuant to this paragraph.

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 9. I have been provided and have read and signed (or will sign), a document entitled "RELEASE, AGREEMENT NOT TO SUE AND WAIVER."

(Initial) \_\_\_\_ 10. I acknowledge that I have provided valid personal identification to Authority Personnel.

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I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK, CONSISTING OF THREE PAGES AND TEN NUMBERED PARAGRAPHS. I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND THE RISKS DESCRIBED IN IT. I HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT INDUCEMENT, ASSURANCE, OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ [PRINT NAME]

I HAVE READ THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

\_\_\_\_\_ [SIGNATURE]

I am requesting permission to enter the Authority’s property as an officer, agent, employee, consultant, scientific investigator, student, visitor, and I am otherwise affiliated with

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Logged by: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Print Name]

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Logged: \_\_\_\_\_  
[Signature]

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