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I am writing to provide a reference for North Rim Exploration. I have worked with the North Rim professionals for over 5 years. I think they are solid in many areas, but also provide some differentiating skills and strategic value, that I have not often seen in other consulting firms. One often thinks of many consulting firms being largely similar, a group of professionals, service, dedication and client focused. While North Rim has those characteristics, and excels in all of those areas, I think they bring some unique strategic advantages that sets them apart. Examples include:

- **Extremely Great a Pre-Effort Planning** - This is all steps from strategic drivers at the client's company and project level, global trends, costs, markets, top technology and approaches, to specific, detailed field work plans. After detailed pre-planning with North Rim, I knew things would go well in the field.
- **Great Communication** - Even with the detailed planning, North Rim believes in planned and unplanned reporting. They establish scheduled calls and reports, but also call or email for issues, trends concerns, and problems can be prevented or caught early. Additionally, they are great at in house, team communication. Talking to any North Rim team member is the same as your key contact person. All are informed on your project and issues, and communications passes seamlessly among team members to the client.
- **Field Work Focus** - Many consulting firms are strong in this but geology, fieldwork and field assessment is 24/7. North Rim professionals are extremely hard working and dedicated, never missing a shift, target or issue.
- **Reports-Written Work Product** - Again, many firms are good at this stage, but NR lays out great report plans, but also if very good at frequent brainstorming, discussing the data, trying several technical approaches to best understand the project or specific work task.
- **High Standards** - Always key in a consulting firm and North Rim is strong in professional standards, high integrity of work and reports. This is respected by clients, investors and agencies.
- **Strategic understanding** - An element that I find particularly helpful is that the owners and top professionals maintain awareness of global mining trends, and specifics to you project or mineral. They also stay up on financial trends, requirements and expectations. As such, their project brainstorming, structure and approach is top notch, insightful and adds to client project value.

I have utilized North Rim on a range of projects in the western US and have always benefited from the approach outlined above. I have had projects scrutinized by agencies, investors and other consulting firms from due diligence to professional questions, and North Rim's work has always held up and respected. It has been a pleasure working with them and learning from them.

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