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August 15, 2013

President M. W. Scoggins
Colorado School of Mines
1500 Illinois St.
Golden, CO 80401

Dear President Scoggins:

This letter serves as formal notification and record of action taken concerning Colorado School of Mines by the Institutional Actions Council (IAC) of the Higher Learning Commission at its meeting on August 12, 2013.

Action. The IAC voted to affirm the recommendation that your institution may select the Open, AQIP, or Standard Pathway for reaffirmation of accreditation.

Thank you for serving as a Pathways Pioneer institution. This action letter also signifies the completion of the Pathways Accreditation Agreement that you completed when you first began the Demonstration Project. You have now been reaffirmed, completing the Open Pathway as part of this project. Having completed reaffirmation, you now need to select the accrediting pathway for your next reaffirmation; you are eligible to choose AQIP, Open, or Standard as your pathway. Attached to this action letter is information on selecting and declaring a pathway within the timeline provided. The materials include links to information on the Open, AQIP, and Standard Pathways.

The Commission does not make public the Pathway determination or selection. Institutions' Pathway designations will not appear on the *SAS* or *OP*.

If you have questions about your transition to Pathways, please contact Robert R. Appleson. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I thank you and your associates for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sylvia Manning".

Sylvia Manning
President

Enclosures:

Pathway Transition Information – Open Eligible
Declaration Form