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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut St., Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103
RE: Colorado School of Mines STARS Submission

AASHE STARS Manager:

The Colorado School of Mines is pleased to submit to AASHE a Sustainability, Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) report for our campus. The information collected for this report is a result of a campus-wide data collection effort that includes contributions from academics, research, and operations departments, led by the Office of Sustainability. AASHE STARS serves as a guiding document to identify areas where we have excelled and areas that need improvement. We recently posted a 5-year Sustainability Plan online that includes continued commitment to sustainability progress. Some recent sustainability achievements include

- Recognition by the American Society of Engineering Education for diversity, inclusion, and access on campus
- Launch of a new Sustainable Environments Design Studio Capstone program that includes solar, electric vehicle, and greenhouse engineering design projects
- Certification of LEED Platinum of two large student residence halls by the USGBC
- Installation of two solar arrays on campus and completion of a solar feasibility study
- Expansion of composting on campus
- Introduction of a new student and staff engagement program called PowerED to reduce energy and water consumption on campus
- Introduction of nine, 100% electric, self-driving shuttles for the campus and City of Golden communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to showcase our commitment to sustainability.

Regards,



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