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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549-4628

November 18, 2010

Mr. Mark Dacko
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Wits Basin Precious Minerals Inc.
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Minneapolis, MN 55402

**Re: Wits Basin Precious Minerals Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2009
Filed April 15, 2010
File No. 1-12401**

Dear Mr. Dacko:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following 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 this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. 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.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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General

1. We note that you refer to or use the terms such as potential mineralization, drill indicated resources, measured, indicated, or inferred resources on your website. As you may know, for U.S. reporting purposes, measures of mineral reserves must be consistent with the definitions set forth in Industry Guide 7. These generally differ from measurement systems that guide the estimation of resources. If you continue to make references on your web site to reserve measures other than those recognized by the SEC, please accompany such disclosure cautionary language comparable to the following:

“Cautionary Note to U.S. Investors - The United States Securities and Exchange Commission limits disclosure for U.S. reporting purposes to mineral deposits that a company can economically and legally extract or produce. We use certain terms on this web site, such as “reserves,” “resources,” “geologic resources,” “proven,” “probable,” “measured,” “indicated,” or “inferred,” which may not be consistent with the reserve definitions established by the SEC. U.S. investors are urged to consider closely the disclosure in our 10-K. You can review and obtain copies of these filings from our website at <http://www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml>.”

Please indicate the location of such a statement in your response.

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2. Please disclose the following information for each of your material properties:
 - The nature your ownership or interest in the property.
 - 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.
 - An indication of the type of claim or concession such as placer or lode, exploration or exploitation, whether the mining claims are State or Federal

mining claims, patented or unpatented claims, mining leases, or mining concessions.

- Please include certain identifying information, such as the property names, claim numbers, 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 or 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 disclose the information required under paragraph (b) of Industry Guide 7 for all your material properties. 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.
- 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

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4. Please insert a small-scale map showing the location and access to each material property, as required by Instruction 3(b) to Item 102 of Regulation S-K. We believe the guidance in 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.

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 Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange 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.

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In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from the company acknowledging that:

- the company is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact John Coleman at (202) 551-3610 with questions about engineering comments. Please contact me at (202) 551-3740 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

H. Roger Schwall
Assistant Director