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P.O. Box 10
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**RE: Transmittal of Approved Permit Modification 17-2
Continental Mine, Grant County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Shelley:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) hereby acknowledge the approval of Permit Modification 17-2 of Permit No. GR002RE transferring the permit for the Continental Mine from Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company (“Cobre”) to Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company (“Chino”), in accordance with 19.10.8.802 NMAC. It is our understanding that mining operations at Cobre authorized under Permit GR002RE have been consolidated with Chino’s mining operations and that Cobre has been dissolved as a legal entity; although Permit GR002RE remains in effect for the Continental Mine and is not consolidated with Chino Permit GR009RE. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3436 or via e-mail at: james.hollen@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

James Hollen, Permit Lead – GR002RE
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)

Enclosure: *Permit Modification 17-2 to Permit GR002RE*

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Mine File GR002RE