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CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

December 11, 2014

Armando R. Macias
5270 Plumstead Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**RE: Withdrawal of Public Hearing Request
Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company's Application for Permit Revision
Permit No. GR002RE Revision 14-1**

Dear Mr. Macias,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has received your December 3, 2014 letter, in which you inform MMD that "From our perspective as property owners we no longer require a public hearing." As you know, on October 16, 2014, you requested a public hearing in regard to an application submitted by Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company for the revision of the permit and closeout plan to incorporate the expansion of the approved permit boundary in order to construct a haul road between Cobre Mine and Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mine and to incorporate the haul road as a New Unit Facility into the Closeout Plan for the mine.

Based on your December 3, 2014 withdrawal of your request for hearing, MMD hereby notifies you that it does not intend to hold a public hearing on the matter. If you have any questions, or should you need any additional information, please contact me at 505-476-3435 or James Hollen of my staff at 505-476-3436 or via email at: james.hollen@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Fernando R. Martinez, Director, MMD
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP")/MMD

Cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
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Mine File GR002RE