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February 23, 2015

Allyson Siwik, Executive Director Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) 305 N. Cooper – Suite A Silver City, NM 88061

RE:

Public Hearing Request

Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company's Application for Permit Revision

Permit No. GR002RE Revision 15-1

Dear Ms. Siwik,

On February 18, 2015, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received (via electronic mail) your letter dated February 18, 2015, requesting a public hearing in regard to an application submitted by Freeport-McMoRan Cobre Mining Company for Revision 15-1 of Permit No. GR002RE. MMD has determined that your request for hearing was timely and will notify you when it has established the date, time, and location of the hearing. If you have any questions, 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 Bruce Taylor, Manager, Cobre Mining Company

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