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July 25, 2017

Mescalero Apache Tribe
President Danny Breuninger, Sr.
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact New Mining Permit Application, American Magnesium Dolomite Mine Project, Luna Co., NM Permit Tracking No. LU035MN

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Sincerely,



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Ms. Holly Houghton, THPO, Mescalero Apache Tribe (via email: holly@mathpo.org)

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