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Mining and Minerals Division



October 2, 2017

Frank Bain, Geologist, Project Manager  
Lordsburg Resources  
2425 Chof Trail  
Flagstaff, AZ 86005

**RE: Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Determined Administratively Complete  
Permit Tracking No. HI018EM, Lordsburg Resources, Lordsburg Playa Lithium  
Exploration Project in Hidalgo County, NM**

Dear Mr. Bain,

Pursuant to 19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") has determined that a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application ("application") submitted on September 27, 2017, and later amended with supplemental information received by MMD on September 28, 2017, is administratively complete. The application and supplemental information was submitted by Lordsburg Resources, for its Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project and proposes to disturb up to 1.71 acres of federal land (BLM) within the boundaries of Claim Numbers LBP-59 and LBP-76 proposed for the Exploration of Lithium located approx. 13 miles WSW of Lordsburg, NM within the Lordsburg Playa (North of I-10), in Hidalgo County New Mexico.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for Lordsburg Resources' Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Permit Tracking No. HI018EM is administratively complete. MMD will now distribute the application to other reviewing state, federal and tribal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.3.302 (G) NMAC. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3413 or via e-mail at: [clinton.chisler@state.nm.us](mailto:clinton.chisler@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead - Permit Tracking No. HI018EM  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)/MMD

cc: Fernando Martinez, Director, MMD  
Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD  
Douglas Haywood, BLM - Las Cruces District Office  
Mine File HI018EM

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October 3, 2017

Daniella Roth, Botanist  
NM State Forestry Division  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Post Office Box 1948  
Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Ms. Roth:

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October 3, 2017

Douglas Haywood, BLM Project Manager  
Bureau of Land Management  
Las Cruces District  
1800 Marquess Street  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Mr. Haywood:

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October 3, 2017

Bob Estes, Ph.D., Archaeologist  
Historic Preservation Division  
NM Department of Cultural Affairs  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87503

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Dr. Estes:

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October 3, 2017

Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief  
Conservation Services Division/New Mexico Department of Game and Fish  
PO Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Dr. Wunder:

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October 3, 2017

Jeff Lewellin, Mining Act Team Leader  
Mining Environmental Compliance Section/NMED - Groundwater Quality Bureau  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Mr. Lewellin:

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October 3, 2017

Ghassan Musharrafieh, Chief  
Office of the State Engineer/ Hydrology Bureau  
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Mr. Musharrafieh:

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

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Fernando Martinez, Director  
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Ms. Holly Houghton, THPO, Mescalero Apache Tribe (via email: [holly@mathpo.org](mailto:holly@mathpo.org))

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The Hopi Tribe  
Chairman Herman G. Honanie  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Chairman Honanie:

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Terry Morgart, Legal Researcher (via email: [tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us](mailto:tmorgart@hopi.nsn.us))  
Hopi Cultural Preservation Office

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White Mountain Apache Tribe  
Chairman Ronnie Lupe  
P.O. Box 700  
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

**RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Chairman Lupe:

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Mr. Mark Altaha, THPO (via email: [markaltaha@wmat.nsn.us](mailto:markaltaha@wmat.nsn.us))  
White Mountain Apache Tribe  
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Fort Apache, AZ 85926

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Chairman Jeff Hazous  
Fort Sill Apache Tribe  
20885 Frontage Road  
Deming, NM 88030

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