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Eric Best, Land Manager
Kennecott Exploration Company
4700 Daybreak Parkway
South Jordan, UT 84009

RE: Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Determined Administratively Complete
Permit Tracking No. HI019EM, Kennecott Exploration Company, Lordsburg West
Exploration Project in Hidalgo County, NM

Dear Mr. Best,

Pursuant to 19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division has determined that a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application ("application") submitted on March 7, 2018 is administratively complete. The application was submitted by Kennecott Exploration Company ("Kennecott"), for its Lordsburg West Exploration Project and proposes to disturb a total of up to 4.22 acres of combined Bureau of Land Management (9 holes), New Mexico State Lands (2 holes), and Private Property (1 hole) within the boundaries of claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approx. 6 miles SW of Lordsburg, NM in Hidalgo County New Mexico. Because the Lordsburg West project will not exceed 5 acres of total disturbance at all times, MMD is processing this application as minimal impact exploration permit pursuant to §19.10.3.302 (A) NMAC.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application for Kennecott's Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Permit Tracking No. HI019EM 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.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead - Permit Tracking No. HI019EM
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARPs)/MMD

CC: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
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