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April 16, 2018

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

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact Exploration Operation Permit Application, Lordsburg West Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. HI019EM

Dear Chairman Jeff Hazous:

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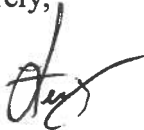
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Please provide any comments or information regarding any potential cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed project to MMD by May 7, 2018.

Please contact me at (505) 476-3435, or Clint Chisler of my staff at (505) 476-3413 or via email at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us with any questions or if you wish to meet to discuss the application.

Sincerely,



Fernando Martinez, Director
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
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Mescalero Apache Tribe
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The Hopi Tribe
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