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Mr. Holland Shepherd Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

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Mr. Kurt Vollbrecht New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Dear Messrs Shepherd and Vollbrecht:

Re: Freeport-McMoRan New Mexico Operation – (FMNMO) Financial Assurance Cost Estimate Schedule

Freeport-McMoRan New Mexico Operations (FMNMO) on January 12, 2019 submitted a letter to the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) and the New Mexico Groundwater Quality Bureau NMED documenting the agreement on cost estimating procedures as agreed upon by the Financial Assurance (FA) work group. In a letter dated January 16, the agencies confirmed the cost estimate procedures as detailed in FMNMO's January 12 letter and requested a more detailed schedule with milestones planning purposes. Below is the proposed schedule for submitting the FA cost estimate and the other milestones.

Chino Schedule/Milestones (assume all dates are "on or before"):

- March 20, 2019 Chino submit cost estimate and NPV
- March 28 to May 15 review/comment/approve/meet to discuss- resolve
- Approval + 45 days Chino submit FA proposal

Continental Schedule/Milestones

- April 2, 2019 Chino submit cost estimate and NPV
- Approval + 45 days Chino submit FA proposal

Tyrone Schedule/Milestones -

- May 2, 2019 Tyrone submit earthwork cost estimate
- June 28 Tyrone submit water treatment cost estimate and NPV
- Approval + 45 days Tyrone submit FA proposal

Please contact Rita Lloyd-Mills at (575) 912-5778 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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