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December 5, 2019

Chairman Timothy Nuvangyaoma
Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit, Gila Mining Peru Mill Tailings Project, Luna County, New Mexico, Permit No. LU038EM

Dear Chairman Nuvangyaoma,

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President Arthur "Butch" Blazer
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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Chairwoman Gwendena Lee-Gatewood
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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Governor E. Michael Silvas
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
P119 S. Old Pueblo Road
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, TX 79917

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Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware
Fort Sill Apache Tribe
Route 2, Box 121
Apache, OK 73006

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Directions:

Exit off from I-10 west at the US 180 exit (to Silver City). Proceed north on Gold Ave to 2nd Street and turn left (west) on to 2nd Street which route 394. Proceed 1.2 miles west then turn right (north) continuing to follow route 394. Travel approximately 2.6 miles on 394 passing the closed Pinos Altos mill and paralleling a railroad line. At the 2.6 mile point the tailings pile will be observable to the west. We will be at the gate.

— Route to Peru Mill Tailings from Gold Avenue

Project No.:	Project: Peru Mill Tailings Dump Phase 1-Soil Boring Investigation	Client MOI Recovery Systems, LLC	Figure 1 Site Locations Map
Date: February 2019			
Drawn by: ETJ Reviewed by:	G3 Gauvreau GeoEnvironmental Group		