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March 25, 2019

Mr. Frank Bain  
2425 Chof Trail  
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**RE: RE: Pending Denial of Exploration Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium  
Exploration Project, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. HI018EM**

Dear Mr. Bain,

Thank you for your response to MMD's March 15, 2019 Letter titled, *Pending Denial of Exploration Application, Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo County, New Mexico, Permit Tracking No. HI018EM.*

MMD has provided ample time for Lordsburg Resources to provide the required financial assurance and complete the permitting process. Therefore, MMD requires the proper Financial Assurance amount in place within 30 days of receipt of the March 15, 2019 Letter or review will be suspended on this permit application. Please keep in mind that no drilling activity described in this application can occur without an approved permit and proper financial assurance in place.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 476-3413 or by email at [clinton.chisler@state.nm.us](mailto:clinton.chisler@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Clinton M. Chisler  
Permit Lead

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Mine File (HI018EM)