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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact New Mine Modification Application for release (“Modification 19-1”), Southwest Silica Flux Company; KB Mine, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR012MN

Dear Mr. Lewellin:

Pursuant to §19.10.12.1210 A. NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) has determined that the Modification 19-1 Application submitted on August 15, 2018 with addendum submitted on June 1, 2019 is administratively complete. The application submitted by Southwest Silica Flux Company is for its KB Mine, Permit No. GR012MN. Modification 19-1 Application is requesting release of all Financial Assurance associated with mining operations that fall under the NM Mining Act. The Modification 19-1 Application is also requesting full release from the jurisdiction of the NM Mining Act.

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Please provide any comments regarding the proposed Modification 19-1 Application to MMD by July 8, 2019. If you would like to request a site inspection regarding this application please let MMD know by July 1, 2019. Please contact Clint Chisler 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,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit GR012MN
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
Mine File GR012MN

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Richard Reycraft, Ph.D., Archaeologist
Historic Preservation Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact New Mine Modification Application for release ("Modification 19-1"), Southwest Silica Flux Company; KB Mine, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR012MN

Dear Dr. Reycraft:

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Please provide any comments or information regarding potential cultural resources that may be affected by the proposed Modification 19-1 Application to MMD by July 8, 2019. If you would like to request a site inspection regarding this application please let MMD know by July 1, 2019. Please contact Clint Chisler 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.

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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact New Mine Modification Application for release ("Modification 19-1"), Southwest Silica Flux Company; KB Mine, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR012MN

Dear Mr. Musharrafieh:

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Daniella Roth, Botanist
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New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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RE: Request for Review and Comment, Minimal Impact New Mine Modification Application for release ("Modification 19-1"), Southwest Silica Flux Company; KB Mine, Grant Co., NM Permit Tracking No. GR012MN

Dear Ms. Roth:

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Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Dear Ms. Tafoya:

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