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Ms. Samantha Kretz, Environmental Engineer
GCC Rio Grande, Inc.
Tijeras Mine and Mill
P.O. Box 100
Tijeras, New Mexico, 87059

**RE: Administratively Complete Application, GCC Rio Grande – Tijeras Mine and Mill,
Modification 20-1, Permit No. BE001RE**

Dear Ms. Kretz,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received submittal for Modification from GCC Rio Grande (“GCC”) titled, *Modification Application for New Units, Exploration Drilling, and Off-Spec Coal Placement at GCC Rio Grande Tijeras Mine and Mill (Permit BE001RE)*, dated January 24, 2020 (“Application”).

Pursuant to §19.10.5.505 NMAC MMD deems this Modification 20-1 Application as administratively complete. MMD will immediately be sending request for comment letters to the appropriate state agencies for the Modification 20-1 Application pursuant to §19.10.5.505 B (3) NMAC. The agencies will have 60 days in which to provide comments.

Please contact me at (505) 476-3413 or at clinton.chisler@state.nm.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP

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