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February 4, 2020

Crystal Powell, District Ranger
United States Forest Service
11776 Hwy 337
Tijeras, NM 87059

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Modification 20-1 Application, GCC Rio Grande Inc. Tijeras Mine and Mill, Bernalillo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. BE001RE

Dear Ms. Powell:

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Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead – Permit BE001RE
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARPs”)/MMD

cc: Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, MARP/MMD
Jenna Padilla, Forest Geologist, U.S.F.S. Cibola National Forest (email)
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Daniella Roth, Botanist
NM State Forestry Division
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-1948

RE: Request for Review and Comment, Regular Existing Mine Modification 20-1 Application, GCC Rio Grande Inc. Tijeras Mine and Mill, Bernalillo Co., NM Permit Tracking No. BE001RE

Dear Ms. Roth:

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Ghassan Musharrafieh, Chief
Office of the State Engineer/ Hydrology Bureau
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Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

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Dear Mr. Musharrafieh:

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Anne Maurer, Mining Act Team Leader
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Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469

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Kurt Vollbrecht, Program Manager, NMED
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Dr. Matthew Wunder, Chief
Conservation Services Division/New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
PO Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Ronald Kellermueller, NM Dept. of Game and Fish (email)
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Santa Fe, NM 87503

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