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To: <u>"Pat Siglin"</u>

Cc: Shepherd, Holland, EMNRD; Gore, Larry D -FS; Romero, Steve F -FS; Mike Haynes

Subject: RE: Tererro Exploration Project - Response to MMD and The Agencies" comments, time extension request

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Attachments: <u>image001.jpg</u>

Dear Mr. Siglin,

The NM Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has received your request for a time extension to provide responses to the MMD and state agency comments on the application for a New Mexico Mining Act exploration permit for the Tererro Exploration Project. The MMD and state agency comments were provided in a letter to Comexico LLC, dated April 27, 2020, and requested that Comexico LLC provide a response within 60-days. MMD has reviewed your request and finds it reasonable and timely, and hereby approves a 60-day time extension to August 25, 2020 to provide responses to the April 27, 2020 MMD comment letter.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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Mr. Ohori,

Comexico received the letter from the Mining and Minerals Division dated April 27, 2020 which contained comments on the Application for Regular Exploration submitted in June of 2019. Comexico have not fully address all the MMD and agency comments nor prepared a response at this time due to several factors – the two most notable of which being the Covid-19 pandemic and a

determination by the USFS to review our proposed Plan of Operations via an Environmental Assessment. The former has limited company resources and personnel and the latter has Comexico wondering what alternatives should be considered now that we are not attempting to meet Categorical Exclusion review requirements.

Comexico are still working through whether it is prudent to request modifications to the USFS Plan of Operations and proposed action which may then change portions of the operating plan. Those changes to the operations may result in changes to the reports accompanying the USFS Plan of Operations and the MMD Exploration Application.

Because of this, Comexico believe it to be premature to respond to comments which may or may not need to be revisited by the MMD and the agencies due to any future possible modification to the operations plans.

Comexico will endeavor to finalize the USFS Plan of Operations and proposed action ASAP and hereby requests an additional 60 days to address and respond to the subject MMD and agency comments.

Please let me know if you need any further clarification.

Sincerely, Pat

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