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Allen Norris  
Dicaperl Minerals Corp., Socorro Mine & Mill  
P.O. Box 1436  
Socorro, New Mexico, 87801

**RE: Request for Slope Stability Analysis Timeline, Socorro Mine and Mill Revision 19-1  
Application, Permit No. SO001RE – Socorro County, New Mexico**

Dear Mr. Norris,

Dicaperl Mineral Corp. (“Dicaperl”) submitted an application to revise Permit No. SO001RE to allow for steeper pit wall slopes and expand the pit at the Socorro Mine site. This permit revision is being processed by the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”), however MMD cannot proceed with evaluation of the permit revision until the *Work Plan for Slope Stability Assessment*, dated December 30, 2019, with technical comments from MMD dated April 2, 2020, has been initiated and completed.

A response to MMD’s request for additional information from CDM Smith on behalf of Dicaperl dated May 1, 2020, stated they were “unable to provide a proposed timeline until the Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.” While MMD understands that Covid-19 has impacted plans, MMD requests a timeline for the slope stability analysis. It is possible that the timeline will need to be changed depending on the pandemic but that can be addressed as the start date for the analysis is approached.

Please provide an anticipated timeline for the completion of the slope stability analysis within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (505) 470-5354 or email me at [jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us](mailto:jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Jenn Johnson, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)

cc: Rocky Torgrimson, Operations Manager, Dicalite Minerals Corporation  
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Mine File (SO001RE)