



January 14, 2021

Jennifer Johnson
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Mining Act Reclamation Program / Mining and Minerals Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
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Submitted via email: jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us

**Re: REQUEST FOR PERMIT EXTENSION FOR MINIMAL IMPACT EXPLORATION
OPERATION NEAR TYRONE IN GRANT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
PERMIT NO. GR084EM**

Dear Ms. Johnson:

WestLand Resources, Inc., is sending this letter on behalf of BHP Mineral Resources, Inc. (BHP), to request extension of the minimal impact exploration drilling permit no. GR084EM for the Oak Grove exploration drilling project in Grant County, New Mexico. BHP has completed drilling and borehole abandonment procedures, but at this time is unable to complete reclamation and reseeding due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. The current permit term expires on February 20, 2021.

BHP respectfully requests that you extend the permit term for 1 year. Upon the loosening of travel restrictions and BHP's ability to reschedule the reclamation and reseeding work, they will inform you of their plans to complete that work in 2021.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at (520) 219-9120 or Meghan Chesal at (520) 332-4513.

Respectfully,
WestLand Resources, Inc.

Amanda L. Best
Senior Environmental Consultant | Associate

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cc: Meghan Chesal, BHP Mineral Resources, Inc,

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