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Kevin Hamatake
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RE: Revision 20-1 Permit Application Modification Timeline Approval, Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine Reclamation Project

Dear Mr. Hamatake:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received an application to revise Permit No. SF002RE Cunningham Hill Mine on October 9, 2020, from John Shomaker & Associates, Inc. (“JSAI”) on behalf of LAC Minerals (USA) LLC (“LAC”) titled, “Cunningham Hill Mine Reclamation Project Closure/Closeout Plan Update” (“Application”). The Application, assigned Revision 20-1 by MMD, proposes to update the Closure/Closeout Plan with specific attention to implications of changes to the water level/quality monitoring of the open pit. MMD reviewed the Application and sent technical comments to LAC on April 21, 2021. On May 21, 2021, LAC proposed to submit an Application modification to address MMD’s concerns.

LAC has requested that the Application modification be submitted to MMD by **September 11, 2021**. MMD approves this submission timeline, and will also require proof of public notice, as described in 19.10.9.902 and 19.10.9.903 NMAC, at the time of submission.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 490-0967 or holland.shepherd@state.nm.us or Carmen Rose of my staff at (505) 216-8399 or carmen.rose@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Holland Shepherd, Program Manager
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