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July 21, 2021

Richard Reycraft, PhD  
Department of Cultural Affairs  
Historic Preservation Division  
407 Galisteo Street, Suite 236  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Dr. Reycraft:

On July 12, 2021, The Española Mercantile Company (“TEMC”) submitted an application to the State of New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) to change the vegetation standards for the Copar South Pit Mine, Permit No. SA004MN, in Sandoval County, New Mexico. This change is a modification to the approved closeout plan and has been assigned to Modification 21-1.

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Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager

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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief  
Conservation Services Division  
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
P.O. Box 25112  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Ms. Anne Maurer  
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
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Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Ms. Maurer:

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New Mexico Office of the State Engineer  
P.O. Box 25102  
Santa Fe, NM 87504

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Dr. Musharrafieh:

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Daniela Roth, Botanist Program Coordinator  
New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept.  
State Forestry Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Ms. Roth:

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Larry Gore, Geologist  
US Forest Service  
Santa Fe National Forest  
PO Box 130  
Cuba, NM 87013

**RE: Request for Comments on Permit Modification 21-1 Application, Permit No. SA004MN, Copar South Pit Mine**

Dear Mr. Gore:

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