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September 10, 2021

Kevin Hamatake  
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**RE: Revision 20-1 Permit Application Modification Extension Request 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 reclamation 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 and agreed to submit this modification by September 11, 2021.

On September 9, 2021, LAC requested a 30-day extension to submit the Application modification. MMD approves this extension request, 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) 216-8399 or [carmen.rose@state.nm.us](mailto:carmen.rose@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)  
Mining and Minerals Division

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