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Joe Kizis Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (U.S.) 4790 Caughlin Pkway, #207 Reno, NV 89519-0907

RE: Technically Approvable Minimal Impact Exploration Application, Turquoise Mountain Exploration Project, Permit No. GR087EM, Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (U.S.)

Dear Mr. Kizis:

On March 5, 2021, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received an application from Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (U.S) ("Southern Silver") for a minimal impact exploration operation. The application proposed to drill up to six (6) drill holes up to 3,300 ft. deep to explore for precious and base metals in Grant County, New Mexico. The application was assigned Permit No. GR087EM. MMD reviewed the application and requested additional information in order to make the application complete. MMD received a revised application from Southern Silver, dated June 8, 2021.

MMD has reviewed the application and supporting information and has determined the application to be technically approvable. Please submit a financial assurance proposal pursuant to 19.10.3.302.I.(5) and 19.10.12.1208 NMAC for \$93,635.00.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson, Permit Lead

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