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E. Terry Jensen Gila Mining, LLC 201 W. Spruce St. P.O. Box 444 Deming, NM 88030

RE: Technically Approvable Minimal Impact Mine Application, Deming Alpha Mine, Permit No. LU042MN, Gila Mining, LLC

Dear Mr. Jensen:

On February 12, 2021, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received an application from Gila Mining for a new minimal impact mine operation. The application proposed to disturb no more than 9.8 acres in Luna County, New Mexico. The application was assigned Permit No. LU042MN. MMD reviewed the application and requested additional information in order to make the application complete. MMD received a revised application from Gila Mining, dated May 7, 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 19.10.3.304.J.(3) and 19.10.12.1208 NMAC for \$58,216.59.

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

Sincerely,

Jennifer Johnson

Jennifer Johnson, Permit Lead Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP") Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager Mine File (LU042MN)