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March 29, 2022

## <u>CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u> <u>CERTIFIED NO. 7009 0960 0000 8419 0997</u>

Ms. Carmen Rose
Mining and Minerals Division
Mining Act Reclamation Program
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Request for Extension to Technical Comments on the Amendment to Application

for Revision 20-1, Closure/Closeout Plan

Permit SF002RE

**Cunningham Hill Mine Reclamation Project** 

Ms. Rose,

By letter dated March 14, 2022, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) submitted technical comment associated with LAC Minerals USA LLC's (LAC) Amendment to Application for Revision 20-1 Closure/Closeout Plan Update; including comments from New Mexico Environment Department, New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, New Mexico Historic Preservation Division and New Mexico Forestry Division.

MMD noted that responses to the technical comments, including a proposed cost estimate for the proposed reclamation activities, should be provided within 30-days from the date of March 14, 2022. In order to allow sufficient time to respond to the comments received from the agencies and provide the updated cost estimate LAC respectfully requests a 45-day extension, with a new response date of May 27, 2022.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter. If you have any questions or require further information, you can contact me at (775) 385-6411 or at <a href="mailto:jennifer.ortega@barrick.com">jennifer.ortega@barrick.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L Ortega

Environmental Superintendent

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Cunningham Hill

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