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March 30, 2022

Jennifer Ortega  
Health, Safety and Environmental Superintendent  
LAC Minerals (USA) LLC  
582 County Road #55  
Cerrillos, NM 87010

**RE: Approval of Request for Extension to Technical Comments on the Amendment to Application for Revision 20-1, Closure/Closeout Plan Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine Reclamation Project**

Dear Ms. Ortega,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received an application amendment to Revise Permit No. SF002RE Cunningham Hill Mine on October 12, 2021 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 Amendment”). This Application Amendment was assigned Revision 20-1 by MMD. Technical comments from MMD and other state agencies were provided to LAC in a letter dated March 14, 2022.

On March 29, 2022, LAC requested a 45-day extension to submit responses to technical comments provided in the March 14, 2022 letter. MMD approves this extension request with a new response deadline of May 27, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or at [carmen.rose@state.nm.us](mailto:carmen.rose@state.nm.us).

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead  
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