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Ms. Anne Maurer
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RE: Request for Additional Comments, Permit Revision 20-1 to Update the Closure/Closeout Plan and Financial Assurance, Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine

Dear Ms. Maurer:

On October 12, 2021, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a submission from John Shomaker & Associates, Inc. on behalf of LAC Minerals (USA) LLC (“LAC”) requesting a revision to Permit No. SF002RE Cunningham Hill Mine. The application for a permit revision, assigned Revision 20-1 by MMD, (“Application”) requests to update the closure/closeout plan (“CCP”) and financial assurance for the Cunningham Hill Mine.

MMD received comments from your agency on the Application in a memorandum dated February 10, 2022. MMD sent your comments (attached with MMD’s comments) to LAC and received a response from LAC in a letter dated May 27, 2022. In addition, LAC submitted two separate cost estimates for costs associated with the CCP and the Abatement Plan (AP-27). A copy of these LAC responses and the cost estimates may be viewed on the MMD website at: <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/mining-act-reclamation-program/pending-and-approved-mine-applications/mining-applications-regular-existing/sf002re-lac-minerals-cunningham-hill-revision-20-1/>

If your agency has comments related to these LAC submittals, please respond within 45 days of receipt of this letter. Please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or at carmen.rose@state.nm.us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager

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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief
Conservation Services Division
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Request for Additional Comments, Permit Revision 20-1 to Update the Closure/Closeout Plan and Financial Assurance, Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine

Dear Dr. Wunder:

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Katie Zemlick, PhD., Hydrology Bureau Chief
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Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Request for Additional Comments, Permit Revision 20-1 to Update the Closure/Closeout Plan and Financial Assurance, Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine

Dear Dr. Zemlick:

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