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Frank Bain
2425 Chof Trail
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**RE: Comments on Renewal Application Exploration Permit No. HI018EM-R2 Lordsburg
Playa Lithium Exploration Project, Hidalgo Co., NM**

Dear Mr. Bain,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received an *Exploration Permit No. HI018EM renewal application* on July 2, 2022 for Permit No. HI018EM requesting to extend the HI018EM Exploration Permit.

MMD has reviewed the extension request and pursuant to §19.10.3.302 D.1. NMAC. *Section 2 - Right to Enter Information* found in Final Amended Application, dated August 21, 2018 remains incomplete with pending access permissions from Kinder Morgan Pipeline Co. and the NM State Land Office. MMD will require the following information prior to the extension request being approved.

- Current access agreement from the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Co.
- Access agreement/approval from the New Mexico State Land Office/Right of Way Division for State Sections 12 and 13 of the access route.
- Current proof of BLM Claims in the Permit Area associated with Permit No. HI018EM.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or at clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler
Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
Mine File (HI018EM)

