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Via ELECTRONIC MAIL

August 31, 2022

Mr. Joseph Navarro
USDOI Bureau of Land Management
Las Cruces District Office
1800 Marquess St.
Las Cruces, NM 88005

RE: Request for Comments on Application for Modification 22-1, Little Rock Mine, Permit No. GR007RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations

Dear Mr. Navarro:

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2. Termination of the USNR Test Plot program.

MMD is processing the Modification Application under **Modification 22-1**. A copy of the Little Rock Modification 22-1 Application may be viewed on the MMD website at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr007re-little-rock-mine-modification-22-1-reclamation-cover-material/>

If your agency has comments on the Little Rock Mine Modification 22-1 Application, please respond within 45-days of the date of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 216-8945 or at David.Ohori@state.nm.us.

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Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Holland Shepherd, MARP Program Manager
Carmen Rose, Senior Reclamation Specialist, MARP
Brad Reid, NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
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Matthew Wunder, PhD., Chief
Conservation Services Division
New Mexico Department of Game & Fish
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Ms. Anne Maurer
Mining Environmental Compliance Section
Ground Water Quality Bureau
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 26110
Santa Fe, NM 87502

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Dear Ms. Maurer:

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Andrew Frederick
EMNRD-Forestry Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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