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Matt Lane
The Española Mercantile Company
1302 N. Riverside Drive
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RE: Application Technically Approvable, Closeout Plan Completion Report Las Conchas Unit, Modification 20-1, Permit No. SA001RE

Dear Mr. Lane,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received an application to modify Permit No. SA001RE El Cajete Mine on September 30, 2020 from The Española Mercantile Company ("TEMCO") titled *Closeout Plan Completion Report Las Conchas Unit of the El Cajete Mine Permit No. SA001RE* ("Application"). MMD has assigned Modification 20-1 to process the Application.

MMD has reviewed the Application and supporting information and has determined the Application to be technically approvable. On September 7, 2022, MMD received two financial assurance instruments in the form of Surety Bond Riders to Surety Bond No. 0719090 and Surety Bond No. 0719089 from Harco National Insurance Company (TIN# 13-6108721) on behalf of TEMCO. MMD will now draft the permit document and send the Application out for a final invitation for tribal comment/consultation.

Please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or at carmen.rose@emnrd.nm.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARPA")/MMD

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