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December 13, 2021

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RE: Application Administratively Complete, Tyrone Mine Emma Expansion Project, Revision 21-1, Permit No. GR010RE

Dear Mr. Bower,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received a submittal from Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations ("Tyrone") titled, "Permit GR010RE – Tyrone Mine Existing Mining Operation, Permit Revision Application for EMMA Expansion Project at the Tyrone Mine", dated October 22, 2021 ("Application"). MMD has assigned Revision 21-1 to process the Application. In addition, MMD received a submittal, dated November 17, 2021 including the proof of public notice as required by §19.10.9.903 NMAC that supplements the Revision 21-1 Application.

MMD has reviewed the Revision 21-1 Application and hereby deems the application to be administratively complete pursuant to §19.10.5.506.D NMAC. In accordance with §19.10.9.903.I NMAC, Tyrone shall notify the people who have indicated to MMD that they desire information regarding the application and those individuals and organizations that are on a list maintained by MMD who have requested notice of applications that have been deemed administratively complete. Tyrone shall notify these parties in writing and by first class mail. A list of those individuals and organizations is attached. Tyrone shall provide MMD with timely proof that the required notifications have been made.

MMD is sending request for comment letters to the state agencies for the Revision 21-1 Application pursuant to §19.10.5.506.E NMAC. The agencies will have 60-days to provide comments, excluding approved time extensions.

Please contact me at (505) 216-8945 or at <u>David.Ohori@state.nm.us</u> if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

David Ohori, Permit Lead

Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARP")

Enclosure

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