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June 21, 2023

Eric Burch, Project Manager  
LAC Minerals (USA) LLC  
Cunningham Hill Mine Reclamation Project  
P.O. Box 98  
Grants, NM 87020

**RE: Conditional Approval, Pit Wall Slope Stability Work Plan, Cunningham Hill Mine,  
Permit No. SF002RE**

Dear Mr. Burch,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) is currently processing an application to revise Permit No. SF002RE, Cunningham Hill Mine (Revision 20-1) operated by LAC Minerals (USA) LLC (LAC). As part of Revision 20-1, LAC most recently submitted a pit slope stability analysis work plan, dated April 10, 2023 (Slope Stability Work Plan) for MMD review and approval. MMD requested additional information about this work plan on May 4, 2023, and LAC responded on June 2, 2023.

MMD hereby approves the Slope Stability Work Plan on the condition that LAC provide the documents referred to in LAC's June 2, 2023 response to comments 1 and 2 (*Data Review*) as appendices to the final Technical Memorandum submitted to MMD. MMD will also require that LAC submit the final Technical Memorandum to MMD within 60 days of completion of the field investigation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or at [carmen.rose@emnrn.dnm.gov](mailto:carmen.rose@emnrn.dnm.gov).

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead  
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