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Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 of New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Exploration Project, Permit No. HI018EM, Hidalgo County

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RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 of New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Exploration Project, Permit No. HI018EM, Hidalgo County

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RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 of New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Exploration Project, Permit No. HI018EM, Hidalgo County

Dear Mr. Chavarria:

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Permit No. GR010RE, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations

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RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 of New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Exploration Project, Permit No. HI018EM, Hidalgo County

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RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 of New Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Lordsburg Playa Exploration Project, Permit No. HI018EM, Hidalgo County

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