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November 7, 2023

Joseph Navarro
Environmental Protection & Reclamation Specialist
Lands & Minerals Division
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
1800 Marquess Street
Las Cruces, NM 88005

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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Courtney Wands Department of Cultural Affairs Historic Preservation Division 407 Galisteo St., Suite 236 Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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Erika Rowe State Botanist EMNRD – New Mexico Forestry Division 1220 S. St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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Matthew Wunder, PhD Chief, Conservation Services NM Department of Game and Fish P.O. Box 25112 Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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Katie Zemlick, PhD Bureau Chief Hydrology Bureau Office of the State Engineer P.O. Box 25102 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

RE: Request for Comments on Revision 23-1 to Continental Mine and Mill – Update to Closure/Closeout Plan, Permit No. GR002RE, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company

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DJ Ennis, MARP Program Manager cc:

From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:39 PM

To: Navarro, Joseph

Cc: Corey Durr (Cdurr@blm.gov)

Subject: MMD request for comments - Update to CCP - Revision 23-1 of No. GR002RE Continental Mine

Attachments: 2023 1107 BLM Request for Comments Letter.pdf

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EMNRD website

From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:36 PM

To: Wands, Cortney, DCA

Subject: MMD request for comment - Update to CCP - Revision 23-1 of No. GR002RE Continental Mine

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From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:34 PM

To: Maurer, Anne, ENV

Cc: Mercer, David, ENV; Styer, Susan, ENV

Subject: MMD request for comment - Update to CCP - Revision 23-1 of No. GR002RE Continental Mine

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From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:32 PM

To: Rowe, Erika, EMNRD

Subject: MMD request for comments - Update to CCP - Revision 23-1 of No. GR002RE Continental Mine

Attachments: 2023 1107 NMFD Request for Comments Letter .pdf

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From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:30 PM

To: Wunder, Matthew, DGF **Cc:** Kellermueller, Ronald, DGF

Subject: MMD request for comment - Update to CCP - Revision 23-1 of No. GR002RE Continental Mine

Attachments: 2023 1107 NMGF Request for Comments Letter .pdf

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From: Myers, Kevin, EMNRD

Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 3:27 PM

To: Zemlick, Katie, OSE

Subject: MMD Request for Comments - Revision 23-1 of GR002RE Continental Mine

Attachments: 2023 1107 NMOSE Request for Comments Letter .pdf

Good afternoon Katie,

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