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Eric Burch, Project Manager
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**RE: Updated Closeout Plan Technically Approvable Determination, Revision 20-1,
Cunningham Hill Mine, Permit No. SF002RE**

Dear Mr. Burch,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has completed the review of the application submitted by LAC Minerals (USA) LLC (LAC), to update the Closure/Closeout Plan (CCP) for the Cunningham Hill Mine, that MMD is processing under Revision 20-1 to Permit No. SF002RE. The permit was recently transferred from LAC to Homestake Mining Company of California.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed updated CCP for the Cunningham Hill Mine is technically approvable pursuant to §19.10.5.506.G NMAC. The MMD determination of a technically approvable closeout plan triggers LAC's responsibility to submit a final proposal for financial assurance (FA) in accordance with §19.10.5.506.H NMAC.

Please respond to this letter within 30 days of receipt by submitting the final FA proposal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or at carmen.rose@emnr.dnm.gov.

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead
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