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August 10, 2023

Ms. Katie Zemlick
Office of the State Engineer
P.O. Box 25102
Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 Application for Star Lake Mine, Partial Release of Financial Assurance on 10.24 Acres of Reclamation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME:

Dear Ms. Zemlick,

On June 5, 2023, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a permit application from Mesa Verde Humates, LLC, to modify permit number MK007ME. The application requests partial release of financial assurance associated with approximately 10.24 acres of reclamation performed at the Star Lake – Section 10 mine located in T19N, R6W, Section 10. This application is being processed as modification number 23-1 to permit MK007ME.

Pursuant to 19.10.3.302.G NMAC, MMD is requesting comments from your agency regarding this application. The application from the operator can be downloaded from MMD’s website at <https://www.emrmd.nm.gov/mmd/mk007me-star-lake-mine/>

In accordance with 19.10.3.302.G NMAC, your agency has 20 days from the date of receipt of this letter in which to provide comments. The Director will consider these comments in making the determination of eligibility for minimal impact status. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or by e-mail at kevin.barnes@emrmd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin Barnes
Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: Mine File (MK007ME)

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Dr. Matthew Wunder
NM Department of Game and Fish
P.O. Box 25112
Santa Fe, NM 87504

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 Application for Star Lake Mine, Partial Release of Financial Assurance on 10.24 Acres of Reclamation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME:

Dear Dr. Wunder,

On June 5, 2023, the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a permit application from Mesa Verde Humates, LLC, to modify permit number MK007ME. The application requests partial release of financial assurance associated with approximately 10.24 acres of reclamation performed at the Star Lake – Section 10 mine located in T19N, R6W, Section 10. This application is being processed as modification number 23-1 to permit MK007ME.

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Mr. Rick Reycraft
Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division
407 Galisteo St., Suite 236
Santa Fe, NM 87501

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 Application for Star Lake Mine, Partial Release of Financial Assurance on 10.24 Acres of Reclamation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME:

Dear Mr. Reycraft,

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Ms. Erika Rowe
EMNRD-Forestry Division
1220 S. St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 Application for Star Lake Mine, Partial Release of Financial Assurance on 10.24 Acres of Reclamation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME:

Dear Ms. Rowe,

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Ms. Anne Maurer
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

RE: Request for Comments on Modification 23-1 Application for Star Lake Mine, Partial Release of Financial Assurance on 10.24 Acres of Reclamation, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK007ME:

Dear Ms. Maurer,

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