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Ashley Arrossa, P.E.
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**RE: Conditional Approval of 2024 Erosion Mitigation Plan for JJ No. 1 Mine,
Permit No. CI007RE, Cibola County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Arrossa,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a submittal titled *2024 Erosion Mitigation Implementation Plan for JJ No.1 Mine, Permit No. CI007RE, Cibola County, New Mexico* from INTERA Incorporated (INTERA) on behalf of SOHIO Western Mining Company (Rio Tinto Closure) on January 31, 2021. MMD hereby approves this plan with the following conditions.

1. MMD will require one year of erosion and site monitoring after the mitigation work is completed. MMD will evaluate and approve the as-built drawings and approve the project as complete if the mitigation measures are determined by MMD to be likely to resist erosion in the future.
2. Please address the attached NMED/MECS and Surface Water comments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or at clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.us. Please notify MMD when work begins on this project as MMD and NMED would like to schedule a site visit.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Mining Act Reclamation Program
Mining and Minerals Division

Attachments: NMED MECS Comment Letter, dated April 2, 2024
NMED Surface Water Comment Letter, dated March 22, 2024

CC: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP, MMD
Anne Maurer, NMED MECS Team Lead
Tricia Johnson, Vice President/Principal Scientist, INTERA