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Frank Bain, Geologist
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**RE: Response to Extension of Time Request
Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project
Modification 23-1 Permit No. HI018EM – Hidalgo County, New Mexico**

Mr. Bain:

On December 23, 2024, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) provided a notification of inactivity for a minimal impact exploration permit – Lordsburg Playa Lithium Exploration Project (Application) from Frank Bain (Applicant), Modification 23-1 of MMD Permit No. HI018EM, located in Hidalgo County, New Mexico. MMD received the Applicant's January 13, 2025 email request for a one-year extension of time on the Modification 23-1.

Based on MMD's letter from August 13, 2021, the original permit was issued on July 20, 2020, and renewed until July 20, 2022. Since substantial time has passed without completing a second renewal or modification 23-1 to HI018EM, MMD requires the following:

- 1) An application fee of \$500.00, and
- 2) Request for a one-year renewal of HI018EM without changes from the original permit.

MMD grants an extension of time for submittal of financial assurance (FA) required to complete Revision 23-1 of HI018EM until July 16, 2025. If no FA is received in six months, MMD will deny Revision 23-1 for inactivity and allow refile of the revision in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact me and David Ennis (david.ennis@emnrd.nm.gov).

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Myers – Permit Lead, HI018EM
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARF)- MMD

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