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March 26, 2025

Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear Chairman Tahdooahnippah,

On May 2, 2024, the Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department notified your tribe about an application from Mr. Mitchell Vokaty ("Permittee") for a minimal impact new mining project in accordance with 19.10.3.304 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.). The proposed project is located near Chloride, NM, in Township 11S, Range 8W, Section 19, and will involve mining placer gold deposits within Chloride Creek. The total disturbance associated with this project is approximately 0.27 acres.

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Sincerely,

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Mining Act Reclamation Program ("MARF")

cc: David "DJ" Ennis, Program Manager, MARF/MMD
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THPO Martina Minthorn
Comanche Nation of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear THPO Minthorn,

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Chairwoman Jennifer M. Heminokeky
Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma
43187 US Hwy 281
Apache, OK 73006

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

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THPO Amanda Hill
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, OK 73015

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

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Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird
Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 369
Carnegie, OK 73015

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear Chairman SpottedBird,

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President Thora Walsh-Padilla
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

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THPO Holly Houghton
Mescalero Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

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President Buu Nygren
Navajo Nation
P.O. Box 7440
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear President Nygren,

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THPO Richard M. Begay
Navajo Nation Historic Preservation Division
P.O. Box 4950
Window Rock, AZ 86515

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Dear THPO Begay,

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Governor Eugene Jiron
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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THPO Henry Walt
Pueblo of Isleta
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear THPO Walt,

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Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
The Hopi Tribe
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear Chairman Nuvangyaoma,

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Director Stewart Koyiyumtewa
The Hopi Tribe Cultural Preservation Office
P.O. Box 123
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039

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Chairman Kasey Velasquez
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear Chairman Velasquez,

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THPO Mark Altaha
White Mountain Apache Tribe
P.O. Box 1032
Fort Apache, AZ 85926

Re: Notice of Intent to Issue Minimal Impact New Mine Permit, Chloride North Face Placer No. 1, Sierra County, New Mexico, Permit No. SI060MN

Dear THPO Altaha,

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Sincerely,

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cc: David "DJ" Ennis, Program Manager, MARF/MMD
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