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Sherry Burt-Kested, Environmental Services Manager
Freeport-McMoRan Tyron Inc.
P.O. Box 571
Tyrone, New Mexico 88065

RE: Application Administratively Complete, Little Burros Exploration Project, Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR097EM

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested,

Pursuant to §19.10.3 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that a Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application (Application) submitted on July 29, 2025 is Administratively Complete. The application was submitted by Freeport-McMoRan (FMI) for its Little Burros Exploration Project and proposes to drill 1 borehole and disturb a total of 2 acres of private property owned by FMI within the boundaries of the claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approximately 10 miles south of Silver City, NM in Grant County New Mexico.

A site visit is scheduled for the afternoon of August 14, 2025. MMD will distribute the application to other reviewing state and tribal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.3.302.G NMAC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or via e-mail at: clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP
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