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

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

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested,

Pursuant to 19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that the Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application (Application) submitted on July 29, 2025, with associated agency comment response, dated September 24, 2025, is Technically 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.

Please provide MMD with a financial assurance instrument in the amount of \$115,350 for review pursuant to 19.10.3.302(I)(5) 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)

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