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Wade Hess
KC Harvey Environmental, LLC
124 South 400 East
Suite 350
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

RE: **Minimal Impact Exploration Permit Application Determined Administratively Complete, Poverty Creek Exploration Project, Catron and Sierra Counties, NM Permit No. CA031EM**

Dear Mr. Hess,

Pursuant to 19.10.3.302 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that the Part 3 Minimal Impact Exploration Application for the Poverty Creek Exploration Project, Permit No. CA031EM, is administratively complete. The Application was submitted by KC Harvey Environmental, LLC on behalf Rio Grand Resources on August 17, 2026, for the minimal impact exploration project located in Catron and Sierra Counties, New Mexico.

MMD will now distribute the application to other reviewing state and federal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.3.302(G) NMAC.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact me at (505) 490-0967 or evan.owen@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Evan Owen, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program

cc: David "D.J" Ennis, MARP, MMD