

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Michele Lujan Grisham
Governor

Erin Taylor
Acting Cabinet Secretary

Benjamin Shelton
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

Anna Aquilera
Division Director
Mining and Minerals Division



Electronic Submittal

September 28, 2026

Ashley Arrossa, P.E.
Project Environmental Engineer and Project Manager
INTERA Incorporated
2440 Louisiana Blvd. New, Suite 700
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Jeff Lachowski, P.E.
Asset Manager – Closure Activities
Rio Tinto Closure
4700 Daybreak Parkway
South Jordan, UT 84009

**RE: Release Application Administratively Complete for JJ No. 1 Mine,
Permit No. CI007RE, Cibola County, New Mexico**

Dear Ms. Arrossa,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a submittal titled *Request for Release, JJ No.1 Mine, Seboyeta, Cibola County New Mexico*, dated July 17, 2026 and associated fee from INTERA Incorporated (INTERA) on behalf of SOHIO Western Mining Company (Rio Tinto Closure) on July 17, 2026. MMD hereby deems this Release Application Administratively Complete.

Please continue by providing MMD with a draft of the second public notice per 19.10.9.903(I) NMAC. Additionally at this point MMD will distribute the Release Application for Agency and Tribal Review.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or at clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Mining Act Reclamation Program
Mining and Minerals Division

CC: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP, MMD
Cory Dimond, NMED MECS Team Lead
Tricia Johnson, Vice President/Principal Scientist, INTERA