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American Magnesium
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Dear Mr. Tognoni:

This Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the additional information provided in your letter of March 1, 2018. For clarification, BLM requires that you incorporate the information into a revised Plan of Operations as discussed at the February 7, 2018 meeting. Although the figures provided are of an acceptable size and clarity, they will need to be numbered consistent with the plan.

The BLM will also need further clarification of the following before your plan is considered complete:

- 1) Your response to BLM Comment No. 6 states that American Magnesium is working on a complete access plan. Please include that in your revised plan. The plan should include a complete footprint of the roads including cut, fill and culverts shown graphically on a map.
- 2) More information is needed for BLM Comment No. 22 concerning the mining operations such as bench height and the slope of the pit in between the mining phases and the slope of the final pit walls. Figure 5 indicates that some of the hill will remain unmined and, presumably, a pit wall will remain. The plan states that the mining will level the hill to the valley floor. However, the valley floor slopes at about 7% grade. Will the pit bottom be benched or sloped to match the grade?
- 3) BLM Comment No. 2 asks for appropriate cross sections. The surface profile in Figure 6 (sheet C-4) is inadequate to illustrate the intended operations. The cross section should show the geology, the ore zone, and a profile of the final pit wall. Indicate the line of the cross section on the map above. Two cross sections, approximately at right angles to each other, would be more helpful.

- 4) Nowhere in the plan or additional information do you indicate the depths of the drill holes. Please provide an approximate range of depths of the resource verification drill holes.
- 5) BLM Comment No. 41 asks for an interim management plan. This is required in all plans to discuss periods of temporary closure and should discuss:
 - Measures to stabilize excavations and workings.
 - Measures to isolate or control toxic or deleterious materials.
 - Provisions for the storage or removal of equipment, supplies, and structures.
 - Measures to maintain the project area in a safe and clean condition.
 - Plans for monitoring site conditions during periods of non-operation.

Please provide the revised plan of operations at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call Bill Auby at 505 954-2159. He will be assisting the Las Cruces office as the Project Manager for this project.

Sincerely,



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