



January 17, 2012

David Clark  
New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
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**Re: Response to NM MMD Review Comments and Request for Additional Information,  
Part 6 New Mine Permit Application, Mine Operations Plan  
Roca Honda Resources, LLC  
Permit No. MK025RN**

Dear Mr. Clark:

On August 16, 2011 Roca Honda Resources, LLC (RHR) submitted our Mine Reclamation Plan, Revision 1. At that time we informed you that we would be submitting our response to comments and request for additional information on our Mine Operations Plan in the near future. You will recall that RHR submitted its Mine Operations Plan to MMD as part of our Application for a New Mining Permit of October 23, 2009. In that submittal RHR committed to prepare a more detailed Mine Operations Plan as more information became available and designs became more definitive. RHR is pleased to submit this Mine Operations Plan, Revision 1 and our response to MMD's comments provided by your office on November 24, 2010 to fulfill this commitment.

RHR has addressed its response to comments by providing a detailed revised Mine Operations Plan to replace the Mine Operations Plan document submitted to your office on October 23, 2009. Consistent with our past response to comment submittals, we have organized our responses utilizing the table format whereby we have restated MMD's comment followed by RHR response immediately below each comment. RHR's responses are contained in the enclosed stapled document that can be found in the inside pocket of the revised Mine Operations Plan. This will allow you to lay our response to comments next to the revised Reclamation Plan document and more easily evaluate the comment resolution.

Enclosed are four (4) copies of RHR's Mine Operations Plan, Revision 1, January 2012. This revised Plan contains all of the changes made in response to MMD's comments and provides the

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detailed design and description of the mine operations activities planned as well as a proposed schedule.

The document includes an electronic version of the revised Plan that can be found in an inside front sleeve and a separate 11 x 17 inch set of selected construction drawings identified as Attachment 1 of the revised Mine Operations Plan. RHR is also providing one full sized set of the drawings in Attachment 1 (22 x 34 inch) for your use in review of the revised Plan. In addition, RHR is providing you with one copy of the selected drawings package in 11 x 17 and 22 x 34 inch format marked "CONFIDENTIAL" that include the location of the archaeological sites identified at the site in relation to the proposed activities. RHR considers this information confidential and requests that MMD treat it as such in conformance with 19.10.6.602B NMAC and 36 CFR 296.18

By way of copies of this correspondence to the indicated distribution, RHR is also providing copies of these documents to the Cibola National Forest Office, the New Mexico Environment Department, and the State Land Office. Copies of the drawing package marked "CONFIDENTIAL" are also being provided to the US Forest Service and the New Mexico State Land Office. We understand that MMD may transmit copies of the Mine Operations Plan, Revision 1 to the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and the Office of the State Engineer for their review and comment. Please let me know if you require additional copies.

We look forward to continuing to work with your staff as we move toward ultimate approval of our mine permit application for the Roca Honda Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John DeJoia', is written over a white background.

John DeJoia  
Manager

cc: Diane Tafoya USFS (4 copies)  
Michael Mariano NMSLO (1 copy)  
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