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**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

October 9, 2014

Allyson Siwik, Executive Director  
Gila Resources Information Project  
305A North Cooper St.  
Silver City, NM 88061

**RE: Request for Public Hearing – Little Rock Mine Expansion and Updated Closure/Closeout Plan Update, Permit No. GR007RE, Revision 14-1**

Dear Ms. Siwik:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received your letter, dated August 30, 2014, requesting a public hearing for the application for Revision 14-1 to Permit No. GR007RE, for the Little Rock Mine, operated by Freeport-McMoRan Inc., Tyrone Operations (“Tyrone”), located in Grant County, New Mexico.

We have determined your request for public hearing as timely pursuant to 19.10.9.904.A NMAC. MMD shall conduct a public hearing on the application for Revision 14-1; however, a date for the public hearing has not yet been set. MMD will advertise the date, time and location of the public hearing pursuant to 19.10.9.904.B NMAC.

We thank you for the comments in your letter. Written comments may be submitted up to the close of the hearing record, and you are welcome to submit further detail regarding your concerns. Please contact me at 505-476-3435, or David Otori, of my staff, at 505-476-3432, with any questions.

*Sincerely,*

Fernando Martinez, Director  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Tom Shelley, Manager, Reclamation, Tyrone  
Holland Shepherd, Program Manager, Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)  
Mark Smith, Assistant General Counsel, EMNRD  
David Otori, Permit Lead, MARP  
Mine File (GR007RE)