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August 29, 2014

Armando Martinez  
Environmental Manager  
Chevron Mining, Inc.  
P.O. Box 469  
Questa, NM 87556

**RE: Joint Agency Conditional Approval of Chevron's Final Building Demolition and Cleanup Plan, Phase 1 Activities**

Dear Mr. Martinez,

The New Mexico Environment Department and the Mining and Minerals Division of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (collectively referred to as the "Agencies") received via email on August 28, 2014, the final Building Demolition and Cleanup Plan, Phase 1 Activities (Plan), prepared for Chevron Mining, Inc. ("Chevron"). The Plan describes proposed Phase 1 surface facilities decommissioning and demolition at the Chevron Questa Mine.

The Agencies hereby conditionally approve the Plan. Although the Agencies approve the current plan, we understand that the full extent of the historic tailing disposal facility at the mine site will be removed in later phases of decommissioning and demolition, as discussed in the meeting with Chevron and the Agencies on August 21, 2014. In addition, the Agencies are completing their review of the Phase 1 Soil Sampling and Analysis Plan Preliminary Draft (Phase 1 SAP) and will provide initial comments to Chevron the week of September 1, 2014. The Agencies may require different sampling methodologies than what are described in the Plan, based on the review of the Phase 1 SAP.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Anne Maurer at (505) 827-2906 or Joe Vinson at (505) 476-3414.

Regards,

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August 29, 2014  
Approval, Phase 1 Demolition Plan

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