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Ms. Daniela Roth EMNRD-Forestry Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Request for Comments on Old Stope Leach Mine Interim Closeout Plan, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK009RE

Dear Ms. Roth,

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Mr. Rick Reycraft Department of Cultural Affairs, Historic Preservation Division 407 Galisteo St., Suite 236 Santa Fe, NM 87501

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Dr. Matthew Wunder NM Department of Game and Fish P.O. Box 25112 Santa Fe, NM 87504

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Mr. Jeff Lewellin NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

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Dr. Ghassan Musharrafieh Office of the State Engineer P.O. Box 25102 Santa Fe, NM 87504-5102

Re: Request for Comments on Old Stope Leach Mine Interim Closeout Plan, McKinley County, New Mexico, Permit No. MK009RE

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