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Cynthia Gulde, PhD, Chevron EMC Project Manager
Questa Mine
354 State Highway 38
Questa, NM 87556-0469

RE: Modification 19-1 Administrative Approval: Request to Modify Mining Act Permit No. TA001RE – Updates to Financial Assurance.

Dear Dr. Gulde,

Pursuant to §19.10.5.505 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) has determined that Modification 19-1 Application submitted on August 28, 2019 is administratively complete. The application was submitted by Chevron EMC, for the Regular Existing Questa Mine, Permit Tracking No. TA001RE located in Taos County, NM.

Please provide MMD with a draft Financial Assurance (“FA”) proposal including proposed FA Mechanisms with associated amounts within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3413 or via e-mail at: clinton.chisler@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead - Permit Tracking No. TA001RE
Mining Act Reclamation Program MARP/MMD

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