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July 17, 2020

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

RE: Request for Public Hearing – Little Rock Mine, Revision 20-1, Permit No. GR007RE

Dear Ms. Siwik:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division ("MMD") received your letter, dated July 13, 2020, requesting a public hearing on the application for a Revision to Permit No. GR007RE for the expansion and updated closeout plan for the Little Rock Mine, operated by Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations ("Tyrone"). The Little Rock Mine is located in Grant County, New Mexico. MMD has assigned Permit Revision 20-1 to process the application.

We have determined your request for a public hearing as timely pursuant to 19.10.9.904.A NMAC. MMD will conduct a public hearing on the application for Revision 20-1 to Permit No. GR007RE; 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.

Thank you for the comments in your letter. Any additional written comments may be submitted up to the close of the hearing record, and we welcome submittal of further details regarding your concerns. Please contact me at 505-467-9671, or David Otori, of my staff, at 505-216-8945 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry Schoeppner, Director
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: Tom Shelley, Reclamation Manager, Tyrone
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