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EMC Project Manager, Questa Mine

November 6, 2017

Mr. Clint Chisler
Mr. Holland Sheppard
Mining and Minerals Division
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Wendell Chino Building
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Request for Modification to Questa Mine Permit No. TA001RE

Dear Mr. Chisler and Sheppard,

Chevron Mining Inc. (CMI) requests an approval to Section 9 (15-2) of Permit Modification 15-2 to Permit TA001RE. Modification 15-2, which authorizes disposal of certain demolition related waste in the open pit (Pit) at the Mine Site, was issued by the Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) on July 15, 2015.

Section 9.A authorizes CMI to place "approved materials," including historic tailing, concrete rubble and demolition debris, removed during Mill Area reclamation within the Southeast quadrant of the Pit. CMI requests that "approved materials" be expanded to include tailing, sediment from stormwater catchments, construction and/or demolition debris generated from other approved closure activities at the mine.

As detailed in the "Questa Tailings Pipeline Removal, MMD/NMED Work Plan, Chevron Environmental Management Company, Questa Mine, May 19, 2017", CMI proposes to place demolition debris (concrete, reinforced concrete, tailing material and wood) from the pipeline removal project in the Pit. In addition, other activities in progress at the mine may also generate similar types of debris appropriate for placement in the Pit. The material identified in this request is similar to the material specifically included in Section 9.A of Permit Modification 15-2, but is from different sources on the mine. Therefore, inclusion of the material will allow for reclamation pursuant to Section 6.T of Permit Revision 96-2 and will not require a modification to the approved Closure and Closeout Plan for Historic Tailing and Demolition Debris Placed in the Open Pit dated August 18, 2015.

For the pipeline removal project, estimated quantities of demolition debris will be provided in the work plans for each pipeline section. These work plans will be submitted to MMD (and NMED) 60 days prior to commencement of demolition activities. CMI will provide notice to MMD (and NMED) of debris from any other closure project prior to disposal in the pit.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact me at (303) 930-4116 or Armando Martinez at (575) 586-7639.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cynthia Gulde".

Cynthia Gulde
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Cc:

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Anne Maurer, NMED