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**RE: Application Administratively Complete, Little Rock Mine Expansion,
Revision 20-1, Permit No. GR007RE**

Dear Mr. Bower,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received a submittal from Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Operations (“Tyrone”) titled, “Permit GR007RE – Little Rock Mine Existing Mining Operation, Permit Revision Application for Expansion of the Little Rock Mine”, dated June 11, 2020 (“Application”). MMD has assigned Revision 20-1 to process the Application. In addition, MMD received a submittal, dated June 24, 2020 including the proof of public notice as required by 19.10.9.903 NMAC that supplements the Revision 20-1 Application.

MMD has conducted a review of the Revision 20-1 Application and hereby deems the application to be administratively complete pursuant to 19.10.5.506.D NMAC. In accordance with 19.10.9.903.I NMAC, Tyrone shall notify the people who have indicated to MMD that they desire information regarding the application and those individuals and organizations that are on a list maintained by MMD who have requested notice of applications that have been deemed administratively complete. Tyrone shall notify these parties in writing and by first class mail. A list of those individuals and organizations is attached. Tyrone shall provide MMD with timely proof that the required notifications have been made.

MMD is sending request for comment letters to the state agencies for the Revision 20-1 Application pursuant to 19.10.5.506.E NMAC. The agencies will have 60-days to provide comments, excluding approved time extensions.

Please contact me at (505) 216-8945 or at David.Ohori@state.nm.us if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

/s/ David Ohoi

David Ohoi, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARF”)

Enclosure

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