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Sherry Burt-Kested, Environmental Services Manager
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**RE: Application Administratively Complete, Emma Project, Regular (Part 4)
Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER**

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested,

Pursuant to §19.10.4 NMAC, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) has determined that a Regular Exploration Permit Application (Application) submitted on July 31, 2024 is Administratively Complete. The application was submitted by Freeport-McMoRan (FMI) for its Emma Project and proposes to drill 34 boreholes and disturb a total of 60 acres of private property owned by FMI within the boundaries of the claim numbers identified in the application for exploration located approximately 10 miles south of Silver City, NM in Grant County New Mexico.

MMD is hereby notifying you that it has determined that the proposed Application for the Emma Project, Permit Tracking No. GR095ER is Administratively Complete. MMD will distribute the application to other reviewing state, federal, and tribal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.4.402.F NMAC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or via e-mail at: clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (MARP)

cc: DJ Ennis, Program Manager, MARP
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