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RE: Follow Up Letter to the September 8, 2020 Site Visit and Discussion on Mining Act Release, Permit No. GR020RE, Georgetown Mine

Dear Mr. Graham:

On September 8, 2020 the Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) and the New Mexico Environment Department (“NMED”) inspected the Georgetown Mine in Grant County. This letter is a follow up to that site visit and the discussion on the process to release this permit from the Mining Act.

In order to release a reclaimed mine from the Mining Act, MMD requires two years of vegetation surveys. These surveys must demonstrate vegetation success using predetermined standards. The Georgetown Permit currently does not have any vegetation standards and MMD must establish them prior to any surveys. MMD plans on visiting the site in the Spring of 2021 to aid in establishing the vegetation standards. Either MMD or a consultant can conduct the surveys depending on what you prefer. Vegetation surveys should be conducted in the fall. Once the site has demonstrated vegetation success you can submit a revision application requesting release from the Mining Act.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at (505) 470-5354 or via email at: jennifere.johnson@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

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