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Matt Lane, Environmental Specialist
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1302 N. Riverside Drive
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**RE: Application Administratively Complete, Copar South Pit Mine, Modification 21-1,
Permit No. SA004MN**

Dear Mr. Lane,

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (“MMD”) received an application to modify Permit No. SA004MN Copar South Pit Mine on July 12, 2021 (“Application”) from The Española Mercantile Company (“TEMC”). MMD has assigned Modification 21-1 to process the Application. Pursuant to §19.10.6.608 NMAC, MMD has determined that the Application is administratively complete.

MMD will now distribute the Application to other state and federal agencies to begin technically reviewing the application pursuant to 19.10.6.608.D.(3) NMAC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 216-8399 or via e-mail at: carmen.rose@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Carmen Rose, Permit Lead
Mining Act Reclamation Program (“MARP”)
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