

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 12, 2024

Bonnie Broman  
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**RE: Exploration Permit First Renewal Approval,  
Lordsburg PCD Exploration Project – American Copper NMX, Inc.,  
Permit No. HI022EM-R1.**

Dear Ms. Broman:

The New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) received a letter dated February 14, 2024, American Copper NMX, Inc. (Permittee), requesting renewal of the MMD Permit No. HI022EM, Lordsburg PCD Exploration Project. MMD received a \$500 check on March 8, 2024. This letter acknowledges the renewal of the Minimal Impact Exploration Permit for the Lordsburg PCD Exploration Project, Permit No. HI022EM. The permit number designated for the renewal will be HI022EM-R1.

The Permittee is authorized to conduct mineral exploration and reclamation operations only on those lands that are specifically designated and authorized within the permitted area (Permit Area) and exploration activities shall be limited to the locations identified in the permit application. The Permit Area is located approximately 3.5 miles south southwest of Lordsburg, NM in Hidalgo County New Mexico on federal lands managed by the US BLM and private lands on patented and unpatented mining claims within Sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24 of Township 23S, Range 19W and Section 7 and 18 of Township 23S Range 18W, New Mexico, and is designated as the permit area shown on the maps within the amended application dated March 14, 2023 and titled: *Attachments 4 and 4A, Topography, Project Area, Proposed drill hole locations*. The Permittee is authorized to drill 17 holes on United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land on unpatented claims held by American Copper Development Corporation, up to 4 inches in diameter, and up to 4,000 feet deep, utilizing no more than 17 drill pad surface disturbance areas to explore for copper and gold. The drill pad disturbances will be no greater than 50 feet wide by 100 feet long (50'W x 100'L) at each site. Drill pad sites will include a total of 17 mud/disposal pits (one per pad), approximately 20 feet wide, 50 feet long and 8 feet deep (20'W x 50'L x 8'D) for drilling purposes. American Copper NMX, Inc. will be using existing roads with minor improvements to those existing roads and a few new roads. The

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Permittee is authorized to disturb a maximum of 3.48 acres. There will be some newly constructed roads and repairs to existing roads associated with this project. As shown on MMD Figure 1, a total of 6 boreholes at 4 drill pads were drilled and plugged in 2023. Based on your renewal request, it is our understanding that the Permittee proposes to continue explorations as previously approved, without modification or change in operations.

**Findings of Fact:**

1. The application for renewal is complete and demonstrates that the renewal of the permit will continue to meet the requirements of reclamation, as identified in Section 19.10.4.405.C of the New Mexico Mining Act Rules (Rules).
2. The Permittee has paid the permit application fee in the amount of \$500.00, as determined by Part 2 of the Rules.
3. The Permittee has no outstanding violations of the New Mexico Mining Act or 19.10 NMAC.
4. The Permittee established financial assurance with Western Bank of Lordsburg, NM, in the form of a Certificate of Deposit numbered 13231, issued on March 17, 2023 for the required amount of \$78,481 for the Lordsburg PCD Exploration Project.
5. The Permittee has acknowledged that there has been no change in the amount of proposed disturbance within the proposed permit area or any changes to the plan of operations described in Permit No. HI022EM.
6. The Permittee has provided, as part of the permit renewal application, a signed statement indicating that Permittee agrees to comply with the reclamation requirements of the permit, Part 3 of the Rules, and the New Mexico Mining Act and allows the Director to enter the permit area, without delay, for the purpose of conducting inspections during exploration and reclamation. The permittee provided a supplemental statement to Part 3 of the Application indicating that the roads will be permanent and not be reclaimed.
7. This Permit does not grant or create any property rights. Nor does MMD, by issuing this Permit or otherwise, make any comment on the surface or mineral rights that the Permittee may or may not have in the area covered by the Permit; only that the Permittee has provided a statement of basis on which the Permittee has a right to enter the property to conduct mining and reclamation. Permittee is solely responsible to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that Permittee has property rights sufficient to support the activities contemplated by the Permit.
8. This Permit does not grant or create any water rights. Nor does MMD, by issuing this Permit or otherwise, make any comment on the water rights that the Permittee may or may not have available for use in the area covered by the Permit. Permittee is solely responsible and obligated to comply with all state and federal laws related to water rights sufficient to support the activities contemplated by the Permit.

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9. This Permit is issued pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 69-36-1 et. seq., and Title 19, Chapter 10 NMAC. Permittee may be required to comply with other federal, State, county or local laws or ordinances before or while undertaking the activity that is the subject of this Permit. MMD does not, by issuing this Permit or otherwise, make any comment on Permittee's compliance with such other laws. It is Permittee's sole responsibility to investigate and comply with the requirements of such other laws.
10. The Permittee shall comply with all requirements, obligations and conditions and shall conduct mining and reclamation operations at the Lordsburg PCD Exploration Project only as described within approved Permit No. HI022EM, originally approved on March 21, 2023.
11. Permit Renewal R1 expires on March 12, 2025. This permit renewal is valid until March 12, 2025, which is two years from the expiration date of the original permit [19.10.405.4.A (1) NMAC]. In addition, at the end of the project you will need to file a termination report based on the requirements of Section 407 of the Rules and the original permit. If you decide to continue exploration activities beyond that period, you must renew the permit at least 30 days before the date of expiration [19.10.4.405.C (2) NMAC].

If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Myers of my staff, at (505) 490-0726 or via e-mail at: [kevin.myers@emrnd.nm.gov](mailto:kevin.myers@emrnd.nm.gov).

By Order of the Director,



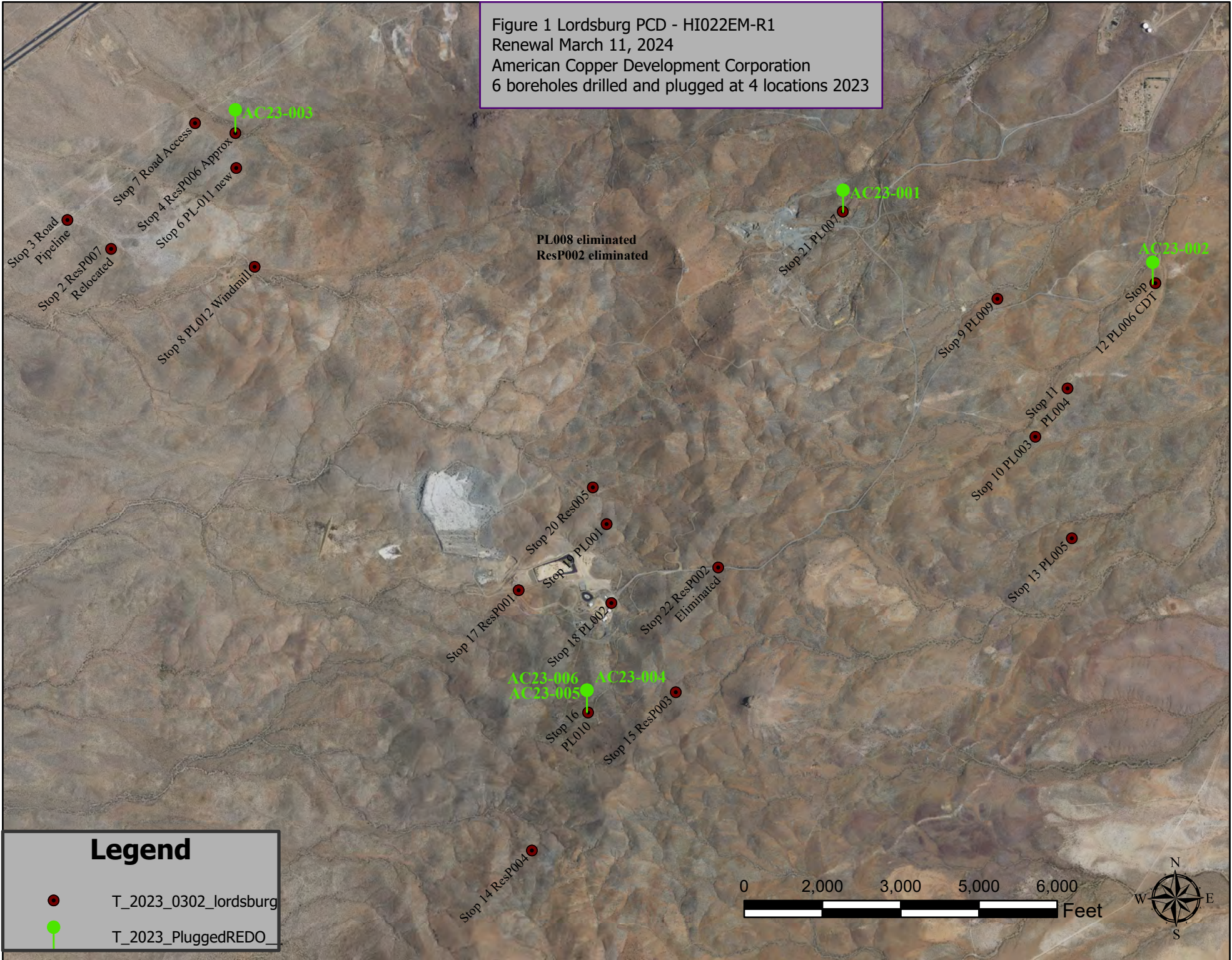
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enclosure: Figure 1

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Mark Osterberg, Project Manager American Copper NMX, Inc.  
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Anne Maurer, Mining Act Team Leader, NMED  
File No. HI022EM



Figure 1 Lordsburg PCD - HI022EM-R1  
 Renewal March 11, 2024  
 American Copper Development Corporation  
 6 boreholes drilled and plugged at 4 locations 2023



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