

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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September 9, 2024

Sherry Burt-Kested, Environmental Services Manager  
Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Inc.  
P.O. Box 571  
Tyrone, New Mexico 88065

RE: MMD Approval of *Termination Report for West Little Rock Minimal Impact Exploration Permit No. GR080EM*, dated October 28, 2019

Dear Ms. Burt-Kested:

On August 14, 2024, the New Mexico Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) conducted an inspection of the West Little Rock Minimal Impact Exploration Project No. GR080EM (West Little Rock), to inspect Corrective Action Work that was completed in 2020. The October 28, 2019 termination report asks for release of Financial Assurance (FA) from the GR080EM Permit and release from the NM Mining Act.

MMD hereby approves the Corrective Action work that was completed in 2020 and approves the request for FA release and release from the NM Mining Act in the *Termination Report for West Little Rock Minimal Impact Exploration Permit No. GR080EM*, dated October 28, 2019. Please see attached FA Release Letter for the release of BMO Harris Bank N.A. Irrevocable LOC No. HACH5785100S.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or at [clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clint Chisler".

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead  
Mining Act Reclamation Program  
Mining and Minerals Division

cc: DJ Ennis, MARP Program Manager  
Raechel Roberts, Senior Environmental Scientist, Tyrone  
Mine File (GR080EM)

Attachments: GR080EM FA Release Letter