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November 4, 2024

Honorable Governor Randall Vicente
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER: 2nd Notification

Dear Honorable Governor Vicente,

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THPO Steven Concho
P.O. Box 309
Acoma, NM 87034

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Honorable Governor Max Zuni
P.O. Box 1270
Isleta Pueblo, NM 87022

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Honorable Governor Arden Kucate
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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THPO Kurt Dongoske
P.O. Box 339
Zuni, NM 87327

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Honorable Chairwoman Lori Gooday-Ware
Rt. 2, Box 121
Apache, OK 73006

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Honorable President Eddie Martinez
P.O. Box 227
Mescalero, NM 88340

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THPO Holly Houghton
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Honorable Chairman Kasey Velasquez
P.O. Box 700
Whiteriver, AZ 85941

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THPO Mark Altaha
P.O. Box 1032
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Honorable President Buu Nygren
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THPO Richard M. Begay
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Honorable Chairman Timothy L. Nuvangyaoma
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Re: Request for Comments and Offer to Consult on Emma Project, Regular (Part 4) Exploration Permit Application, Permit No. GR095ER: 2nd Notice

Dear Director Koyiyumtewa,

The Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) of the New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) has received an application from Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mining, LLC to conduct a regular exploration project under 19.10.4 NMAC of the New Mexico Mining Act (NMSA 1978, §69-36-1 et seq.). The proposed project proposes to drill 34 boreholes and disturb up to 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.

This second notification of application is being submitted to you pursuant to the State Tribal Collaboration Act. MMD is requesting comments from you on any traditional, cultural and or religious properties that you would like MMD to take into consideration and is offering to consult with you on the application.

Part 4 Regular Exploration Operations like this Emma Project must be completed in one year and reclaimed within two years unless the permit is renewed. The application can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the MMD web site at:

<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/mmd/gr095er-emma-project-regular-exploration-project-part-4/>

MMD recommends that this letter be forwarded to your tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Environmental Department.

A cultural resource survey is currently being conducted, a copy of which can be requested from the State Historic Preservation Division. Please provide any comments or request a formal consultation within 30 days of the date on this letter. If you wish to consult with us on this application or have any questions, please contact me at (505) 467-9589 or clinton.chisler@emnrd.nm.gov.

Sincerely,

Clint Chisler, Permit Lead
Mining and Minerals Division